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The Energy Council aims to enable a unified strategy and vision for a South African energy transition pathway that will support clean industrialisation and global competitiveness, address our economic and social deficits and importantly contribute to a sustainable environment. This is an exciting time full of opportunity with the potential for South Africa to become a global role model as an emerging market leader through the energy transition.



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Last week I attended the presidential inauguration at the Union Buildings with great excitement. It was wonderful to meet Mamma Joy, who radiated almost as much enthusiasm as the entire amphitheatre.



The fresh, early start to the day was symbolic of a new page being turned in South Africa's history - one where the people are demonstrating a wish to take action and witness much-needed change under the 7th administration of our democratic republic.

At a time when our decarbonisation targets are slipping away from us, it was important to hear the President reconfirm his commitment to a Net-Zero ambition. He said, "We will accept our responsibility to respond to climate change in a manner that is ambitious, just and inclusive." Just as importantly, he also recognised the value in collaboration and delivery, saying "Now is the time to move forward. Together, we will do more and better."





Once the cabinet settles, I am confident that the ERA bill will be assented by the President. This will propel the electricity sector into large-scale reform, signifying a major turning point for South Africa and the sector. This is largely uncharted territory for us, as the complexity, scale of investment, risk and integration challenges will increase exponentially. While we have solid plans in place, the critical success factors will be to increase capacity and capability, and be decisive about delivery. As a Government-Business collective, we are committed to progressing NECOM as a critical delivery and support vehicle, and I will be sure to keep our members abreast of progress made in this space.

This month the Energy Council celebrated our Youth and the importance they play in the sector. We are committed to nurturing and growing young minds as they navigate the exciting future of energy. We have been proud to showcase the younger members in our team and I am so appreciative of the critical work and value they add.



CELEBRATING YOUTH IN ENERGY

To commemorate Youth Month, we're spotlighting some of the incredible young South Africans working at the Energy Council contributing to a thriving and sustainable energy future for South Africa. We asked our young associates about the important work that they do and how it shapes the future of the energy industry, as well as some words of wisdom for those looking to get involved and make a difference in this exciting sector.

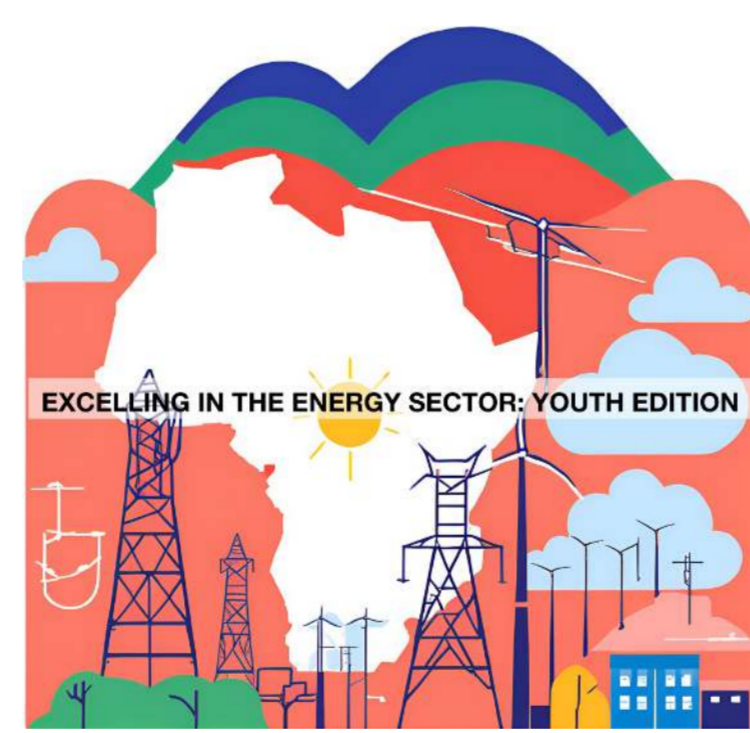
			
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 5 July: Energy Council Annual General Meeting | 23 July: Coal & Energy Transition Day |
| 11 July: Liberty Group Function | 24 July: WEC SA Committee Workshop |
| 17 July: STANLIB Function | 26 July: Joint Strategic Oversight Committee |
| 19 July: Energy Council Board Meeting | 30 July: Energy Council Leadership Forum |

SPOTLIGHT ON ENERGY



Excelling in the Energy Sector: Youth Edition

By: Simphiwe Nhlangothi, Mihle Mnweba and Selaelo Makgalefa

Associates of the Energy Council of South Africa recently attended the South African National Energy Association (SANEA) Youth Energy Career Pathways and Skills event. As the nation navigates the transition towards sustainable energy solutions, the role of youth in driving this transformation is key – and this was the general theme of the event.

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