



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

Our progress in the electricity sector over the past year has surpassed all expectations and avoided our most feared outcomes. Confidence in ending load shedding continues to grow due to increased capacity and operational reliability, but we will have to address the resulting higher system costs and emissions. We must now focus on accelerating our energy transition through rapid reforms and scaling of investment. Although we have had setbacks from state capture, COVID-19, and load shedding, they have had the unforeseen benefit of prompting greater collaboration and transparency, and enabling a unique opportunity and Call to Action through the Business – Government partnership.



The President's commitment to an ambitious, just, and inclusive response to climate change, the formation of a dedicated Ministry for Energy and Electricity, which is enhancing leadership and transparency, and the signing of the ERA bill are making clear our national policy objectives. We must now focus on implementation.

NECOM 2.0 has two major focus areas being "Build" and "Reform". Energy Council modelling estimates new investment required in New Generation and Transmission build over the next 10 years at R1,8 trillion. We are also rapidly reforming the sector towards a wholesale energy market and must address distribution networks and service delivery through major municipal reform.

Separate from our facilitation role into NECOM under the B4SA partnership, the Energy Council continues to implement our internal Energy Transition Roadmap with the latest initiative being the Energy Data and Modelling Platform for South Africa. This is intended to create open and affordable access to independent and verified energy data and modelling. The Energy Council in partnership with Energy Exemplar is very proud of this progress and excited about the positive impact this will bring.

Well done and thank you to all the team as well as the many stakeholders supporting our work.

ENERGY COUNCIL OF SA IN THE NEWS



Business throws its weight behind South Africa's GNU reform agenda

South Africa's prominent business leaders have committed to supporting the Government of National Unity (GNU) by ramping up reform measures in three priority areas – electricity, logistics, and crime and corruption – to lift the country's economic growth rate and improve the investment climate.

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South Africa, B4SA to focus on Energy, Freight, Regulation Fixes

The South African government and Business for South Africa — a body that's helping the state to coordinate efforts to fix the nation's collapsing infrastructure and governance issues — plan to accelerate reforms over the next year as some work is already yielding results.

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NECOM shifts focus as Eskom keeps the lights on

Energy transmission, market reform, municipal utilities and new energy generation will top the list of priorities for the second phase of the National Energy Crisis Committee (NECOM) as it seeks to ease power supply constraints and boost economic growth.

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SPOTLIGHT ON ENERGY



South Africa faces a shortage of energy system modelling expertise at a critical time when we must make complex and important choices in our Energy Transition that will impact our economy, industry and society. This can largely be attributed to a lack of technical capacity but also due to costly modelling and data platforms, limited collaborations and opaque data sharing practices.



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