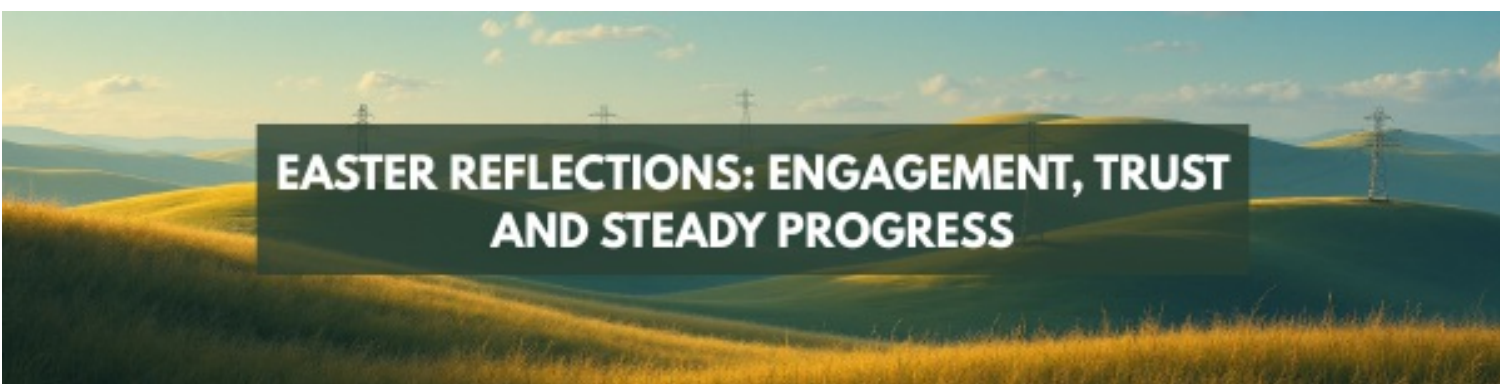




The Energy Council of South Africa is dedicated to fostering collaboration, innovation, and action in the energy sector. Through delivery partnerships, advocacy, and thought leadership, the Council is committed to advancing South Africa's energy transition and ensuring a secure, sustainable energy future for all.



Easter offers a rare pause in what are, for most of us, extraordinarily busy lives. It is a time to reflect, to reconnect with family and friends, and to regain perspective on the path we are travelling together as fellow South Africans.



As I reflect on the past few months, the national conversation on energy has been marked by confusion, heightened rhetoric, and negative media narratives suggesting stalled reforms.

I don't believe this to be true at all.

This has also unfolded against a challenging global backdrop of ongoing wars, trade disruptions and economic uncertainty all of which continue to threaten the common ground all South Africans agree on: Investment creates Growth and Growth creates Jobs.

We must also be honest about our history. Load shedding and the legacy of state capture have understandably eroded trust, but trust will not be rebuilt overnight, nor by disengagement. Many commentators seem to have taken to shouting at the perceived problems through the media, and however cathartic it may feel, it is not sustainable, alienates them from being part of the solution and will not deliver the outcomes we all aspire to.

Progress requires engagement, seeking to understand, and finding common ground to move forward. Trade-offs are required; we do not have the fiscal luxury of subsidising our way through the energy transition. This is a marathon, not a sprint so no matter the aversion to references on pace and phasing, these are fundamental to avoiding further crises.

Through the Energy Council, I have privileged access to both business and government. This is a responsibility that I exercise with care and effort, in the national interest and in support of South Africa's energy transition, all of which are embodied in the Council mandate and values.

I remain confident that the reform process is very much alive and on track. Yes, there are challenges, but we have moved beyond a crisis-driven recovery phase into one that is necessarily more deliberate around implementation, and less publicly visible. This does not mean the work has stalled; it means it is maturing.

As we pause this Easter, my hope is that we recommit to constructive engagement, focusing on common ground and allowing for differing perspectives will deliver steady progress.



Energy Council model highlighted as blueprint for future transport reforms in South Africa

In a noteworthy endorsement at the National Transport Conference, President Cyril Ramaphosa referenced the Council as a leading example for future initiatives aimed at tackling complex national challenges through coordinated action between the Government and private sector.

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Mulilo commits nearly R15 billion to South Africa's renewable energy future

At the Investment Conference held in Sandton this week hosted by the Presidency, Mulilo made this significant investment, marking a vote of confidence in the nation's economic trajectory and its urgent energy needs. This financial backing towards our transition sets a transformative path for the future of renewable energy in the country.

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SAWEM Reforms are gaining momentum in implementation

Ahead of the high-level stakeholder workshop recently hosted by the Department of Electricity and Energy on the route to establish the South African Wholesale Electricity Market (SAWEM), the Energy Council of South Africa reaffirmed its support for SAWEM as a key milestone in the country's electricity reform programme.

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21 April: Grid Expansion Dialogue Series: Transmission Investment & Cost Allocation in Evolving Power Systems
23 April: Energy Exemplar Xplore Xcelerate Modelling



The Global Grid Expansion Dialogue Series (GGEDS) returns to power South Africa's energy future conversations

The second webinar shifts the discussion from demand dynamics to the implications for infrastructure investment and delivery. As electricity demand becomes more uneven and concentrated, transmission systems are under increasing pressure to respond more quickly and more strategically than traditional planning frameworks allow.

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