



# Enhancing Energy Access in Rural and Peri-urban Settlements: Knowledge-Based Policy Engagement.

A UNEP facilitated workshop  
25-27 May 2009, Cape Town, South Africa

## About the event

The three-day workshop will bring together stakeholders, policy makers and energy experts from Eastern and Southern Africa to focus on central issues related to energy access. The workshop will present and discuss the latest studies on energy access for the poor as well as energy security, and relate these results to technology transfer, capacity building and achieving the MDGs. Key to these issues is the availability of information on energy needs, best practices, technologies and funding possibilities. The event is a combined initiative of the UNEP-facilitated knowledge network Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development (GNESD) and the EUEI-UNEP Capacity Enhancement and Mobilisation Action for Energy in Africa (CEMA). The workshop will also focus on how institutional and human capacity in the sub-regions can be enhanced and mobilized so that national and regional authorities are best equipped to take advantage of present and future cooperation and support facilities, especially the new Africa – EU Energy Partnership (AEEP).

## Key topics

- Energy access in peri-urban areas: results of the latest GNESD thematic studies
- Technology transfer for improved access to clean, affordable and secure energy that contributes to achieving development goals
- The Africa –EU Energy Partnership (AEEP): What is it, what does it mean for the sub-regions?
- Mobilizing and enhancing capacity in the sub-region to take full advantage of the new support facilities like the AEEP

## Who should attend?

- Senior energy sector stakeholders from national government such as Ministries and Departments of Energy
- Energy utility and regulator representatives
- Rural electrification and energization agencies
- Energy-sector officers from Regional Economic Communities
- Senior energy researchers and experts



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## Workshop programme

### Day 1: Monday 25 May

- Energy Access for the poor in S. and E. Africa
- Enhancing capacity and promoting dialogue

### Day 2: Tuesday 26 May

- Energy Access – present, future and how to get there
- Field visit to a peri-urban area: Imizamo Yethu
- Workshop dinner

### Day 3: Wednesday 27 May

- Energy Security – regional, national and local
- The way forward: new thematic studies, consultations
- Panel discussion - filling the knowledge gaps

## Registration:

Registration will be arranged through the University of Cape Town's Conference Facility Service. Details will be posted soon on the CEMA, GNESD and ERC websites:

[www.cemafrika.net](http://www.cemafrika.net)

[www.gnesd.org](http://www.gnesd.org)

[www.erc.uct.ac.za](http://www.erc.uct.ac.za)

## Host organization

The workshop is hosted by the Energy Research Centre of the University of Cape Town, a partner in both GNESD and CEMA. <http://www.erc.uct.ac.za/>

## Location

The workshop will be held at the Townhouse Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa:

<http://www.townhouse.co.za/home.htm>

## Partners

The event is sponsored through the two UNEP-facilitated initiatives: the Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development (GNESD) and the EUEI-UNEP Capacity Enhancement and Mobilization Action for Energy in Africa (CEMA).

## Language

The official language of the workshop will be English. No translation facilities will be available.

## Further information

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The **Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development (GNESD)** is a UNEP-facilitated knowledge network of Centres of Excellence and Network Partners, acknowledged for their work on energy, development and environmental issues. GNESD is one of several Type II partnerships in the field of Energy that were launched at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg,

The EUEI-UNEP **Capacity Enhancement and Mobilisation Action for Energy in Africa (CEMA)** implemented by UNEP DTIE (France) and UNEP Risø Centre (Denmark), in collaboration with partner Centres throughout Africa, is a four-year activity designed to support the Africa-EU Energy Partnership. CEMA aims to enhance the dialogue between African and EU stakeholders, particularly at sub-regional level, through targeted policy engagement, special studies, information dissemination and targeted



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