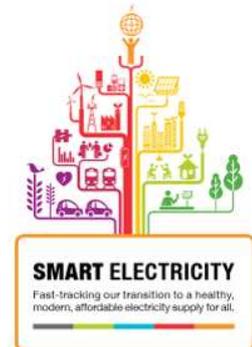


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## **Re: The Establishment of an Energy Partnership between the Governments of South Africa and Germany**

Dear Dr. Freitag,

Project 90 by 2030 is aware about the intent to establish an energy partnership between the Governments of South Africa and Germany. Such a partnership is principally welcome, considering the challenges South Africa faces with its polluting and non-sustainable electricity sector.

Project 90 by 2030 is a well established NPO, based in Cape Town – engaged for a just and sustainable low-carbon future for South Africa. Project 90 is a member organization of the worldwide network of the Electricity Governance Initiative, currently coordinating the South African branch with 14 member organizations and individuals<sup>1</sup>.

### **The Joint Declaration of Intent between Germany and South Africa, our comments and requests for amendments:**

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<sup>1</sup> EGI South Africa (EGI-SA) is constituted of a committed group of justice-oriented organisations and individuals focused on electricity policy, planning and governance. EGI-SA partners are: 350.org, Gender and Climate Change – Women for Climate justice, Green Connection, Project 90 by 2030, Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute (SAFCEI), Sustainable Energy Africa (SEA), WWF-SA, Consumer Forum, GeaSphere, groundwork, AIDC, Abigail Knox, Jason Schaeffler and Richard Worthington.

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1. OBJECTIVE

Beside Energy South Africa's most pressing needs include lack of employment opportunities. A partnership would need to consider the needs of both partners. We suggest including the development of local manufacturing in this section.

2. SCOPE

The continuation of existing programmes is most welcome. This section proposes engagement on a dialogue on energy policies. We request to explicitly include representatives of civil society organisations in this dialogue.

We also strongly request to exclude any support of nuclear activities for South Africa. The only acceptable option would be to assist South Africa's development for a nuclear free future, such as it has been decided for Germany.

The Scope shall also include activities, which supports the electricity sector, including relevant parts of the coal mining sector, to comply with existing regulations for water abstraction and water and air pollution standards.

3. COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

No comments.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUPS

We request that this section explicitly spells out that the composition of these working groups shall be balanced and represent public, private and civil society organisations.

5. EXPENSES

It shall include that expenses for participation of non-profit civil society representatives are covered by the designated authorities.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

We request to reformulate this section in the spirit of South Africa's constitution, where the principle of the "right to know" is enshrined in Section 16. We expect that all proceedings, meeting notes, etc. are made publicly available on a section of both designated authorities.

7. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

No comments.



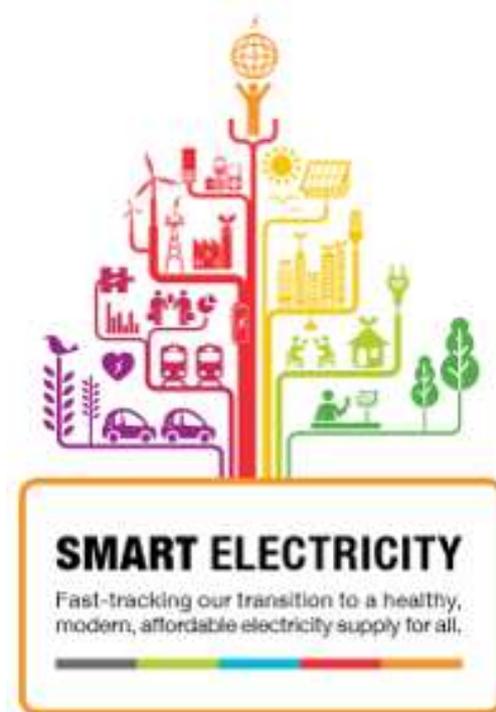
It was brought to our attention that on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August a high-level meeting will take place in Pretoria on this energy partnership.

We request that representatives of non-profit civil society organisations are duly invited to this meeting.

We provide this contribution in the spirit of constructive participation, and look forward to further engagement on these matters.

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