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SANEDI INTRODUCES ENERGY BREAKFAST SESSIONS

An important quarterly forum has been established by SANEDI (South African National Energy and Development Institute) to discuss the turbulent and often controversial energy issues in South Africa. The breakfast sessions will see robust discussion amongst stakeholders and are an opportunity to exchange news and research around new energy innovations and technologies with the aim to grow and sustain the economy.

“SANEDI has a critical role to play in ensuring that South Africa will have the necessary information and planning support (amongst others, emerging technologies, innovative practices, alternate energy solutions, advanced infrastructure, energy data), to plan for a sustainable and secure energy future that will also satisfy the country’s economic, social and environmental needs. We are ideally positioned to lead the debate on energy and educate on the various energy options available,” explained SANEDI’s interim chair Mr Nkululeko Buthelezi.

The first SANEDI Energy Breakfast was held on the fringes of the Mining Indaba in February, under the theme ‘Navigating SA mining’s energy transition together’. The launch event in the series saw SANEDI highlight the importance for collaboration with the mining industry in the areas of energy research and development to reduce their carbon footprint.

The Department of Energy’s Ms Mokgadi Modise told delegates that South Africa needs to move with speed in deploying smart grid technologies, if it is to take advantage of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Delivering Minister Jeff Radebe’s remarks she said, “With the Fourth Industrial Revolution advancing faster, we too need to move with speed to intensify the deployment of smart grids. The smart grid represents an unprecedented opportunity to move the energy industry into a new era of reliability, availability and efficiency, that will contribute to our economic and environmental health.”

Each SANEDI Energy Breakfast will see a panel discussion - with energy experts - that takes a broader look at the energy mandate from a policy and socio-political point-of-view. Buthelezi said, "These breakfasts come at a time of severe energy constraints and are an opportunity to address key energy challenges in the various industries and to educate stakeholders on the many programmes such as; Energy Efficiency, Smart Grids, Renewable Energy, Carbon Capture and Storage or Utilisation, Working for Energy and Cleaner mobility, that can potentially be pursued."

The next SANEDI Energy Breakfast will take place in June 2019 and will touch on energy related challenges in the industrial sector.

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About SANEDI

The South African government established the South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI) to direct, monitor and conduct applied energy R&D, demonstration and deployment, as well as to undertake specific measures to promote the uptake of green energy and energy efficiency in South Africa. Its mission is to use applied and energy research and resource efficiency to develop innovative, integrated solutions that will catalyse growth and prosperity to meet its vision of sustainable living for growth and prosperity in Africa. For more information, go to www.sacccs.org.za.