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Dear Mr. Vesselbo,

I am pleased to inform you that the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Parliament of South Africa are convening the *Parliamentarian Forum on Energy Legislation and Sustainable Development*, from 5-7 October 2005, in Cape Town, South Africa.

The challenges of providing access to safe, efficient and affordable energy services are particularly pressing in Africa. Recognising that energy drives development, the Forum will involve national legislators from Africa, and from outside the continent, to explore the challenge of energy provision and appropriate energy legislation. While the focus will be on Africa, the Forum also represents a unique opportunity to share perspectives with parliamentarians from outside the region around the common theme of energy to advance sustainable development goals.

The objectives of the Forum are the following: (i) to engage parliamentarians and legislators, a key group of decision-makers, in building support and capacity in the field of energy and sustainable development; (ii) to exchange information, good practice and identify areas for future cooperation; (iii) to foster a dialogue on legislative frameworks for energy development, access to energy, and rural electrification, renewable energy and energy efficiency; and (iv) identify capacity-building needs and constraints in the area of energy legislation and sustainable development.

The discussions and the deliberation at the Forum will be benefit greatly from broad regional and international participation. To this end, we are seeking the participation of Danish parliamentarians with responsibility for, and interest in, matters related to energy and sustainable development. Accordingly, interested parliamentarians are cordially invited to participate in the Forum, and we would be grateful if you could bring this meeting to the attention of the membership of the Energy Policy Committee, as well as other parliamentarians who may be interested. Further information concerning the meeting may be found in the attached aide mémoire and draft programme.

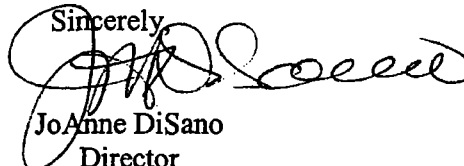
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Parliamentarians seeking further information, or wishing to participate in the Forum, are invited to contact Mr. Kui-Nang Mak, Chief, Energy and Transport Branch, at e-mail [makk@un.org](mailto:makk@un.org) (copy to [soltau@un.org](mailto:soltau@un.org) and [wahnschafft@un.org](mailto:wahnschafft@un.org)) and telephone +1 212 963-8798. While there is no registration fee, participants will be expected to cover the cost of their travel and accommodation.

Your interest in this sustainable development initiative is much appreciated.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JoAnne DiSano', written in a cursive style.

JoAnne DiSano

Director

Division for Sustainable Development

# Parliamentarian Forum on Energy Legislation and Sustainable Development

Parliament of South Africa, Cape Town, 5-7 October 2005

\*\*\*Provisional Programme\*\*\*

## DAY 1

### OPENING SESSION

Chair: Hon. Baleka Mbete M.P., Speaker, Parliament of South Africa

#### Welcome statements and opening addresses

- Hon. Phumzile Mlambo-Nguka, Deputy President of South Africa
- Ms. Rachel Mayanja, Assistant Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Status of Women, UN DESA

### SESSION 1 (am) High-Level Session - Energy for Sustainable Development

Session co-chairs: Hon. Gwen Mahlangu-Nkabinde, Deputy Speaker, Parliament of South Africa / Mr. Kui-Nang Mak, Chief, Energy and Transport Branch, UN DESA

**Keynote address:** *Energy as the driver for sustainable development*

- Hon. Lindiwe Hendricks, M.P., Minister of Minerals & Energy, South Africa (tbc)

**Keynote address:** *The role and contribution of the Pan-African Parliament*

- Hon. Gertrude Mongella, President, Pan-African Parliament (invited)

**Keynote address:** *The link between energy and sustainable development*

- Distinguished African parliamentarian (tbc)

**Keynote address:** *Energy in Africa – meeting the demand for sustainable development*

- Mr Thulani Gcabashe, Chief Executive Officer, Eskom, South Africa (invited)

**Keynote address:** *Building Africa's framework for regional cooperation on energy and sustainable development*

- High-level representative from Commission of the African Union (invited, tbc)

## Lunch

### SESSION 1 (pm) High-Level Session cont.

**Presentation:** *Access to electricity – experiences from the grassroots*

- Presentation and sharing of first-hand experiences on electrification in South Africa.  
Presenters from community development project (tbi/tbc)

**Keynote address:** *Building institutions and infrastructure: the role of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)*

- Prof. Firmino Mucavele, Executive Head, NEPAD Secretariat (invited).

**Keynote address:** *Attracting investment and creating an enabling environment for energy for sustainable development*

- Mr. Mandla Gantsho, CEO and MD, Development Bank of Southern Africa, (DBSA) (invited)
- Representative of the African Development Bank (invited)

**SESSION 2: (pm) International and regional perspectives on energy and sustainable development**

**Session co-chairs:** South African parliamentarian / Richard Ottinger, former Congressman, US House of Representatives, Dean Emeritus, Pace Law School (confirmed)

**Presentation:** *Perspectives on energy and legislative frameworks*

- Mr. Yang Gengyu, Congressman, Member of the Environment and Resources Protection Committee of the National People's, China (confirmed)
- Invited parliamentarian from Europe / North America

**Presentation:** *Cooperation among parliamentarians on energy for sustainable development – building bridges and sharing experiences*

- Invited parliamentarian

**Presentation:** *Access to energy in a human rights framework*

- Adrian Bradbrook, Professor of Law, University of Adelaide (confirmed)

**Roundtable discussion:** *Taking stock – Regional and global perspectives on promoting access to energy and achieving sustainable development*

- Sharing of country experiences and perspectives of energy laws against the broad backdrop of sustainable development. Parliamentarians and experts, including representatives of private sector, multilateral financial institutions and other stakeholders.
- Succinct interventions by 4-6 parliamentarians

**DAY 2**

**SESSION 3 (am) Energy legislation for sustainable development**

[Parallel sessions – rapporteurs/chairpersons report to plenary]

**Parallel session 3A (am) – Energy development and natural resources management**

**Session Co-chairs:** South African parliamentarian / Ms. JoAnne DiSano, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA

**Overview presentation:** *Legal frameworks relating to energy development and natural resource management*

- Introductory overview/issue paper on key issues in legislation and policy relating to energy development, with reference to developing countries.  
Mr. Barry Barton, Professor of Law, The University of Waikato, Auckland, New Zealand (confirmed)

**Panel presentations:**

- *Legal and policy frameworks for energy resource management in Africa: Perspectives on public participation*,  
Ms. Yinka Omorogbe, Professor and Head, Public and International Law University, Ibadan, Nigeria (confirmed)
- *Systems for the sharing of benefits from oil and gas development*  
Mr. Ian Gary, Oxfam America, Washington, D.C. (invited, tbc)
- *Regional perspectives – Parliamentarians from Africa.*

**Discussion:** Question and answers

**Parallel session 3B (am) – Power sector restructuring and sustainable development**

**Session Co-chairs:** South African parliamentarian / international parliamentarian

**Overview presentation:** *Electricity sector reform, private sector investment and the challenge of access*

- Introductory overview / issue paper that identifies keys issues and latest legislative developments, with special reference to Africa.
- Dr. Anton Eberhard, Director, Infrastructure Programme, Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town (confirmed)

**Panel presentations:**

- *Ghana's Experience with Power Sector Reform: Legislative and Policy Issues*  
Mrs. Gifty Kusi, Chairperson, Committee on Mines and Energy, National Assembly, Ghana
- *Reform and electricity sector governance in developing countries* – Ms. Smita Nakhoda, Institutions and Governance Programme, World Resources Institute, Washington D.C. (confirmed)
- *Experiences with power sector reform in Indonesia*, Mr. Puguh Sugiharto, Jakarta, Indonesia (confirmed).

- *Energy regulations for promoting access to energy for the poor,*  
International expert (tbd)

**Discussion:** Question and answer

**Parallel session 3C (am) – Renewable energy**

Session Co-chairs: South African / international parliamentarian

**Overview presentation:** *Legislative and policy instruments for the promotion of renewable energy in the power sector*

Introductory overview paper analysing the legislative and policy instruments for promotion of renewable energy in developing countries.

- Dr. Njeri Wamukonya, Energy Programme Officer, Division for Policy and Law, UNEP (invited)

**Panel presentations:**

- *Case studies on the legal and regulatory frameworks for the promotion of renewable energy,* International expert / parliamentarian (Europe).
- *The legal framework for renewable energy in South Africa,*  
Mr. Jan Glazewski, Professor of Law, University of Cape Town (confirmed)
- *The contribution of renewable energy to access and poverty alleviation,*  
Mr. Glynn Morris, Chief Executive, AGAMA Energy, and REEEP Focal Point for Southern Africa (confirmed).
- *Experience with the promotion of renewable energy – successes and lessons learnt,*  
Mr. Richard Ottinger, former Congressman, US House of Representatives, Dean Emeritus, Pace Law School (confirmed)

**Discussion:** Question and answer

**SESSION 4 (pm) Energy legislation and sustainable development continued**  
[Parallel sessions – rapporteurs/chairpersons report to plenary]

**Parallel session 4A (pm) - Rural energisation and electrification – linkages with poverty and gender**

Session Co-chairs: Hon. Gwen Mahlangu-Nkabinde, Deputy Speaker, Parliament of South Africa / Ms. Rachel Mayanja, Assistant Secretary-General, UN DESA

**Overview presentation:** *Frameworks and policies to promote rural electrification and access to energy*

- Introductory overview / issue paper, identifying keys issues, latest developments. Identifies challenges in relation to legislation and policy –  
Mr. Eugene Visagie, Energy Resource Centre, University of Cape Town (confirmed)

**Panel presentations:**

- *Bringing electricity to the rural areas: designing laws and policies that work*, Hon. Umar Mawiya Lule, Chair, Energy Committee, Parliament of Uganda and/or Hon. Simon D'juanga, M.P., Parliament of Uganda;
- *The gender dimension of providing access in rural areas*, Parliamentarian from Africa
- *Rural electricity cooperatives*, Parliamentarian (tbi).
- *Presentation of case studies from different regions*, Parliamentarians from Africa.

**Discussion:** Question and answer

**Parallel session 4B (pm) – Energy efficiency**

Session Co-chairs: South African / international parliamentarian

**Overview presentation:** *Regulatory measures for management of energy demand and energy efficiency in developing countries*

- Overview of energy efficiency approaches and regulatory frameworks.  
Adrian Bradbrook, Professor of Law, University of Adelaide (confirmed)

**Panel presentations:**

- *Case studies on promotion of energy efficiency in developing countries – Mr. Denis van Es*, Energy Resources Centre, University of Cape Town, South Africa (invited);
- *Experiences in promoting energy efficiency / energy use in low cost housing*  
Representative of Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), South Africa (tbd)
- *CDM mitigation projects and energy efficiency in the low-cost housing sector*, Mr. Steve Thorne, SouthSouthNorth (confirmed).
- *Case studies and examples of energy efficiency programmes and legislative initiatives*, Parliamentarian from Europe (tbi)

**Discussion:** Questions and answers

**Parallel session 4C (pm) – Regional cooperation in energy development and trade**

Session Co-chairs: local/international

**Overview presentation:** *Investment and cross border energy trade*

*Electricity interconnections in Africa, including recent capacity-building initiatives.*  
Mr. Pangrace Niyimbona, UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

**Panel presentations:**

- *The role of parliamentarians in encouraging and promoting regional energy development and trade*, Invited parliamentarian.

- *Creating the framework and conditions for energy development and trade in Africa* – Mr. Lawrence Musaba, Coordinator, Southern African Power Pool (SAPP), (invited).
- *Case studies on energy trade and regional cooperation* – Ms. Ria Kemper, Secretary-General, Energy Charter Secretariat (or representative) (invited).

### **DAY 3**

#### **Session 5 (am – plenary)    Next steps: Partnerships, international cooperation and financing energy for sustainable development**

**Report back:** *Main themes and outcomes from parallel sessions*

- Chairpersons/rapporteurs report from outcomes and discussions from the parallel sessions.

**Presentation:** *Defining and meeting financing needs to advance energy for sustainable development in Africa*

- Representatives of multilateral development banks.

**Presentation:** *Options for new initiatives in international cooperation on energy legislation and sustainable development*

- Member of the EU Parliament on the EU Energy Initiative.

#### **Closing Session**

**Co-chairs:** Mr. Mzinwa Johannes Mahlangu, Chairperson, National Council of Provinces (NCOP), South Africa / Ms. JoAnne DiSano, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA

**Panel discussion:** *Defining a central role for parliamentarians in energy for sustainable development in Africa*

- Perspectives and viewpoints on enhancing the role and involvement of parliamentarians in energy issues.
- Enhancing parliamentarians' capacity for oversight and accountability.

Introduction and adoption of chairperson's summary/recommendations/declaration.

**Evening farewell function:** Hosted jointly by the Ministers of Environmental Affairs & Tourism and Minerals and Energy