



Centre for Environmental Rights

Advancing Environmental Rights in South Africa

Invitation

Since 2015, supported by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the Centre for Environmental Rights has been hosting a series of seminars where local experts can share their knowledge and experience on compelling environmental governance and environmental rights issues with influential decision-makers. This fourth seminar focuses on the urgency to and feasibility of accelerating the transition in South Africa's energy sector from coal to renewables, and on dispelling myths about the coal industry and renewable energy.

Life After Coal: Accelerating the transition from coal to renewable energy

Venue

The Townhouse Hotel, 60 Corporation St, Cape Town

Date and Time

Monday, 24 October 2016, 09h00-17h00

- Why should we be moving away from coal-based energy from an environmental and health perspective?
- What are South Africa's obligations in terms of the Paris Agreement?
- How do fossil fuel investments result in stranded assets and what are the costs associated with this?
- How does Socially Responsible Investing relate to Renewable Energy investment and why will following these principles not negatively impact returns?
- What is the potential for renewable energy to displace nuclear power and coal, what are the benefits of access to renewable energy, and what kinds of RE should be build, where and at what cost?
- How does new high-fidelity wind and solar PV data for South Africa enable renewables-based planning?
- What role can local government play in the transition from fossil fuel to renewable energy?

Presenters

Jesse Burton, University of Cape Town's Energy Research Centre

Iqeraam Petersen, Futuregrowth Asset Management investment manager

Robyn Hugo, Programme Head: Pollution & Climate Change, Centre for Environmental Rights

Jason Schäffler, Energy Analyst, Managing Director of Nano Energy (Pty) Ltd

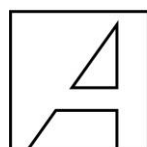
Dr Tobias Bischof-Niemz, Head of CSIR's Energy Centre

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The Centre for Environmental Rights is a non-profit organisation and law clinic based in Cape Town that works to advance the realisation of environmental rights as guaranteed in the South African Constitution. We do this by providing support and legal representation to civil society organisations and communities who wish to protect their environmental rights, and by engaging in legal research, advocacy and litigation to achieve strategic change.



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