



Centre for Environmental Rights

Advancing Environmental Rights in South Africa



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Invitation

The Centre for Environmental Rights (CER) in partnership with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) invites you to attend a briefing session on renewable energy, with a special focus on the lessons learnt in the German Energiewende – the transition by Germany to a low carbon, environmentally sound, reliable, and affordable energy supply – and how those lessons could inform South Africa's own transition to renewable energy.

**Monday, 17 July 2017, 11h30 for 12h00-14h00, including light lunch
Campbell House, 2 Campbell Street, Waverley, Johannesburg**

Main speaker: Markus Steigenberger

Deputy Executive Director of **Agora Energiewende** –
a Berlin-based, non-partisan think-tank focusing on the transformation of energy systems

Topics

- Power systems of the future: clean, affordable and reliable
- Open heart surgery: Transforming power systems without eroding the industrial base and weakening international competitiveness
- Flexibility challenge: Building a reliable power system that can cope with increasing shares of weather-dependent, variable renewable electricity generation
- Securing public support: employment and skills transition, social justice, reducing barriers for small, local actors and communities

Environmental Rights Lunch Series

Since 2015, supported by KAS, CER has been hosting a series of seminars and meetings where local experts can share their knowledge and experience on compelling environmental governance and environmental rights issues with politicians and other influential decision-makers. Since then, we have covered topics that include climate change and environmental rights, the enormous challenge of mine closure and rehabilitation of environmental impacts after mining has ended, and how and why South Africa should move to a Life After Coal.

RSVP

fsamuels@cer.org.za or 021 4471647 by 10 July 2017 (seats are limited)

The **Centre for Environmental Rights** is a non-profit organisation of activist lawyers who help communities and civil society organisations in South Africa realise our Constitutional right to a healthy environment by advocating and litigating for environmental justice.

Life After Coal/Impilo Ngaphandle Kwamalahle is a joint campaign by Earthlife Africa Johannesburg, groundWork, and the Centre for Environmental Rights. We discourage investment in new coal-fired power stations and mines; accelerate the retirement of South Africa's coal infrastructure; and enable a just transition to renewable energy systems for the people.