



Global Renewable Energy Conference

Theme: *Towards inclusive and proactive approaches of building a global energy future*

Venue: Holiday Inn, Bulawayo

Dates: 24 – 25 July 2019

Concept Note

Background

A sustainable long-term solution to the world's energy needs is a defining issue of our time. Energy lies at the core of the key global challenges of the 21st century making it imperative to address global energy needs in a sound sustainable manner.

Today's convergence of crises – economic and financial meltdown as well as continuing increase of food and fuel prices – poses a need to reshape policies and redirect investments towards a more sustainable path to development. There has been a call for a transition to a green economy in order to address the current crises and transform the way in which the world produces and uses energy. It is a call for countries to adopt low carbon paths in fulfilment of their development goals.

Sustainable energy is a key enabler of sustainable development for all countries. Countries will not be able to achieve all development goals without access to reliable and affordable sustainable energy services. Energy is critical to tackling poverty eradication, while decarbonising energy is central to mitigating climate change.

Energy financing in times of crises

The global economic and financial crisis could have a major impact on infrastructure financing in general and energy financing in particular. For countries like Zimbabwe, where the provision of electricity is one of the great infrastructure challenges, this is indeed catastrophic. Compared to other countries of the world, Zimbabwe has one of the lowest rates of energy access, capacity per capita and electricity consumption per year.

International cooperation

Enhanced international cooperation is central to achieving transition to a green economy and green industry. Civil society, government, corporates, academic institutions, development partners, researchers and communities will have to leverage on each other's strengths to address the most pressing global challenges such as energy and climate change in an increasingly fragile macroeconomic context.

The approach

Zimbabwe Climate Change Coalition, NANGO, Ministry of Energy and Power Development as well as development partners are of the opinion that there is a need to address all facets of the energy discussion in a holistic manner and by emphasising the key role that international cooperation can play in securing sustainable policies and investments. It is therefore envisaged that this conference should:

- Provide a platform to discuss the current energy related challenges with the world-renowned experts, high level policy makers representing the private and public sector as well as civil society.
- Shift the debate on energy and development in times of economic and financial crisis beyond generalities and identify specific courses of action.
- Initiate and advance national and international co-operation in dedicated result oriented working sessions
- Bring together 300 participants from all corners of the world providing an overview of very different opinions and an opportunity to find common ground for solutions.
- Contribute to the shaping of the global climate policy by providing inputs to the UN climate conference (COP25) in Chile

The conference will be split into two days. The first day will focus on identification of gaps with regards to adoption, support and promotion of renewable energy in Zimbabwe. On the second day the panel discussions will extend solutions, best practices and opportunities for international collaborations.

The Global Renewable Energy Conference will bring together experts drawn from civil society, government, private sector, academic institutions, development partners and researchers to interrogate the state of the energy infrastructure in Zimbabwe and proffer solutions that support and promote use of renewable energy. Day one will have all the attendees gathered in one conference room so that each person, despite varying areas of expertise hears the challenges bedevilling the renewable energy sectors. The second day will have to breakaway sessions and these will be wound up by a press conference.

Civil society organisations that are in the land and environment sector will be expected to share their knowledge which will be specific to the regions that they operate in. Government and development partners should also be in positions to state where opportunities of collaboration lie, what their respective goals are and the time frames they are working with.

Ordinary citizens, youths, women, people with disabilities and children of school going age are also encouraged to be part of the conference so that they are each capacitated on the roles that individuals and communities can play in promoting sustainable renewable energy.

The Conference program will feature the following sessions:

Day 1
Global energy challenges of the 21 st century
Energy security; energy access, gender and development
Implementing energy technology collaboration: Gaps stemming from experiences of multilateral innovation
Regional market and industry overview

Day 2
Energy strategies to combat climate change
Renewable energy technologies:- solar, wind, geothermal, bio-energy and hydro-power
Towards a sustainable, low-carbon path to development
Financing energy in times of crisis
Delivering Innovation through cooperation: governance in technology cooperation
Implementing energy technology collaboration: Opportunities and synergies stemming from experiences of multilateral innovation
Innovation in energy efficiency and architecture
Renewable energy integration and energy networks
Renewable energy policy formulation

Exhibition

Upon payment of conference registration fees each institution will be offered an opportunity to exhibit at the conference. The exhibition will be open to institutions and individuals that want to share literature, videos or innovations to do with renewable energy. Students from the National University of Science and Technology, Bulawayo Polytechnic College, Hillside

Teachers' College, United College of Education and School of Mines will be invited to exhibit. Other schools that have Climate Change Clubs will also be invited to view stands and also exhibit at the stands.

Objectives

- To identify home grown solutions to the Zimbabwean energy crisis
- To influence policy formulation that will ensure countrywide adoption of renewable energy initiatives
- To create synergies between different stakeholders towards the promotion of renewable energy sources
- To create a knowledge hub of innovative technical solutions

Expected Outcomes

- Home grown solutions to the Zimbabwe energy crisis
- Sustainable policies that support renewable energy innovations
- A working group comprising of experts to promote renewable energy sources
- A data base of innovative technical solutions and best practices

Profile of participants

It is anticipated that 300 participants comprising of local and international investors, financial institutions, academia, researchers, NGOs, development partners, local and international experts in the field of renewable energy, project developers, government officials, business leaders, investment promotion agencies, UN agencies, international organizations, AU, COMESA, NEPAD and the media will convene at Holiday Inn in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.



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Registration Form

Date

Please send completed form to NANGO Northern Region Coordinator on charity@nango.org.zw

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Participant Name and Surname

Telephone	Mobile	Occupation
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Participant category (tick appropriate)

Civil Society Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	School / College / University	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development Partner	<input type="checkbox"/>	International Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name of Institution

Date/s of participation (tick one or both appropriately)

Wednesday 24 July 2019	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday 25 July 2019	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Registration fees **US\$300**

(The amount covers accommodation, conference and meals only at Holiday Inn, Bulawayo) Please outline special requirements e.g diet, special rooms, etc

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