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POWER TO CHANGE: Tackling the big issues head on

When it comes to climate change, there's no time to waste, and South Africa's wind sector must play its part in tackling the world's most pressing issues.

Wind energy impact, financing, implementation and policies that speak to the current global challenges, such as climate change, as well as energy insecurity, will be at the forefront of discussions at the forthcoming Windaba Conference & Exhibition 2023.

Taking place from the 3rd of October to 5th of October at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Windaba is organised by the South African Wind Energy Association (SAWEA) and supported by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC).

The 12th annual conference and exhibition will holistically explore the impact of wind and unpack the theme “*Wind Beyond the Turbines*” and its transformative potential, which lies in its ability to address multiple challenges simultaneously.

By embracing renewable energy, such as wind energy, societies can move towards a cleaner, more resilient, and inclusive future. The speaker line-up boasts of local and international experts whose knowledge will guide individuals and organisations on how to turn the tide and tackle global renewable energy issues.

“Wind energy is key to Africa's energy transition as it can play a vital role in forming solutions to drive socio-economic transformation across the African continent,” says Niveshen Govender, SAWEA CEO.

“We need to look at ways to fast track deployment of wind technologies to improve access to energy for individuals as well as industry. Sustainable development of the South African economy is possible if we use sustainable energy to ensure access to affordable, reliable energy to every one of our citizens.”

“The theme of Beyond the Turbines will allow us to stretch our thinking and take a more comprehensive view across the entire wind value chain. Wind is producing energy security, economic and environmental benefits as well as playing a critical role in our communities - both from a social and cultural perspective - and there is so much more it can deliver.”

The 12th annual gathering of wind energy stakeholders on the African continent, is set to be the biggest and most impactful yet, featuring industry leaders, innovative thinkers and inspiring experts as well as an expo floor filled with cutting-edge industry exhibitors.

Year-on-year, the conference brings together more than 600 delegates and industry exhibitors. The conference will continue to provide the most relevant and current wind sector information to aid and influence strategic decision making.

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Notes to Editors:

Windaba is the flagship industry conference of SAWEA bringing together key stakeholders including professionals, policymakers, academics, government representatives and civil society. It aims to facilitate strengthened partnerships for the on-the-ground implementation of renewable energy projects, to influence energy policy, and provide a framework to aid strategic decision-making.

SAWEA is an industry association representing the Wind Energy Industry in South Africa. SAWEA is a non-profit entity. Members include both national and international actors who are active in the entire Wind power supply chain.