



## Experts to discuss future of hydropower in Africa

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**Experts from a section of the world's top hydropowers are set to discuss funding and financing of hydropower projects in Africa during the annual Hydropower Africa Conference set for Johannesburg, South Africa in August.**

The event which is the only hydropower conference and exhibition on the continent where all the major stakeholders gather will be opened by the South African Energy minister Elizabeth Dipuo Peters.

The experts will also discuss the future of hydropower electricity generation in Africa.

"There is an enormous demand for information on the finance and funding of hydropower projects in Africa" says Nicolaas Loretz, Hydropower Africa project director, "especially given that the potential for hydro generation is great and that only 10% of the continent's potential has been realised".

"This is the ideal platform to give impetus to project implementation for small and large hydro projects".

"We therefore have a special focus on investment opportunities with specialists from the World Bank and the African Development Bank and case studies from Zambia and Mozambique as part of our programme," said Loretz.

### **Minister's vision**

"We are delighted that Minister Dipuo Peters will share her vision with us", says Loretz, "particularly to hear her views regarding the promotion of sustainable development, regional integration, water and energy security, and poverty eradication in Africa."

During a recent visit to Korea, the minister said South Africa can produce more than 43,000 megawatts of electricity but wants to increase this by using renewable energy sources like wind, solar and hydropower.

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