



South Africa's energy sector is facing numerous challenges, all contributing to our current energy crisis and with a direct bearing on our country's future. We must decisively deal with energy security and loadshedding, whilst urgently securing broad sector reforms and accelerating large-scale investment. The Energy Council aims to enable a unified strategy and vision for a South African energy transition pathway that will support clean industrialisation and global competitiveness, address our economic and social deficits and importantly contribute to a sustainable environment.



Message from the CEO

As we go into the home stretch for 2023, pressure is certainly mounting to demonstrate we have turned the corner on the energy crisis. The silver lining to loadshedding however is that it has spurred a much more engaging and responsive government as well as accelerated private sector investment in energy.

The business government partnership across Energy, Transport and Logistics; and Crime and Corruption, led by Business for SA is gaining momentum. A third in person meeting between the President and key Ministers and business was held with continued focus on the critical path to end loadshedding and fundamentally reform the sector. There is increasing confidence in the Energy Action Plan as a pathway to navigate the energy crisis and end loadshedding.



The Energy Council is leading the energy coordination work on behalf of business with nearly 130 business volunteers working across five key workstreams with Eskom.

We can not wish for a better past and Eskom remains "mission critical" to both solving loadshedding as well as critical and ongoing reforms that are key to maintaining private sector investment and future sustainability of our energy sector. NECOM is increasingly proving to be a constructive delivery platform to engage Eskom and partner on solving the many challenges the sector continues to face.

We lost significant time in our energy transition due to state capture and Covid 19; we have the technical plans but must "double down" on implementation. We encourage business to actively participate in both the NECOM as well as the Energy Council structures on energy.

Energy Council of South Africa in the News



James Mackay, CEO, Energy Council of South Africa: "2023 is a turning point for our electricity crisis - we need to make hard decisions and clear policy commitments, underpinned by the capacity to implement."



Industry body Energy Council of South Africa CEO James Mackay has said there is sufficient reason to believe that loadshedding could end as early as the end of 2024, but warns that South Africa is not on track to meet its decarbonisation targets.

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**Supporting the implementation of the Energy Action Plan (EAP)
Overview of Business Participation in the National Energy Crisis Committee (NECOM)**

Yesterday the Energy Council hosted the first "Business participation in the National Energy Crisis Committee" feedback session. This allowed the Energy Council, as the facilitators of business participation in the NECOM, to give an update to all those registered. The overwhelming response from the session was positive with business feedback indicating real and tangible progress.

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