



The Energy Council of South Africa is dedicated to fostering collaboration, innovation, and action in the energy sector. Through delivery partnerships, advocacy, and thought leadership, the Council is committed to advancing South Africa's energy transition and ensuring a secure, sustainable energy future for all.



Welcome to the first edition of CEO's Corner, a space inspired by the spirit of collaboration that defines the Energy Council's approach to South Africa's energy transition. In this inaugural segment, we are joined by Alberto Gambacorta, Executive Vice President and General Manager for Sub-Saharan Africa at Scatec. Alberto is also the Co-Chair of the Energy Council's JET & Industrialisation Standing Committee. In commemoration of Freedom Day, Alberto and James reflect on how energy reform is liberalising the sector and advancing *energy freedom* to enable a thriving and sustainable system.



South Africa's energy sector is undergoing major structural reform and at the centre of this transition is the market transparency, competition and *freedom of choice*. We are moving toward a decentralised and digitised energy future, one that affords individuals, businesses and communities the ability to exercise choice in how they procure for and manage their energy needs. This is a major shift from our traditional centralised, planning and generation model and has significant complexity and risks that must be managed to ensure a smooth and sustainable pathway.

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South Africa urged to define the role of gas in its economy and future energy mix.

In Creamer Media's recent Gas Webinar, Energy Council CEO James Mackay joined industry leaders including Paul Eardley Taylor from Standard Bank, a Council member to unpack the policy, infrastructure, and investment considerations shaping the country's gas roadmap.

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Red Rocket starts operations at two 144MW wind farms, Rietkloof and Brandvalley.

Independent power producer Red Rocket, a Council member, has achieved commercial operation of both the Rietkloof and Brandvalley wind farms, on the border of the Western and Northern Cape provinces. Each site is expected to generate 585GWh of clean energy annually.

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Mulilo achieves financial close on groundbreaking 75MW solar plant in the Northern Cape.

Mulilo's Du Plessis Dam Solar PV2 facility marks a new chapter in innovative energy trading with Etana Energy as the offtaker. Generating 248GWh annually, it strengthens South Africa's clean energy mix while showcasing Mulilo's leadership in sustainable development.

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- 1 May:** Workers' Day
- 8 May:** SAWEM - Pushing for April 2026 Implementation
- 9 May:** Business/ Government meeting with the President
- 16 May:** Joint Strategic Oversight Committee Meeting
- 20 - 22 May:** Enlit Africa (15% Energy Council Member discount available upon request)
- 29 May:** BUSA Sustaining Progress Conference 2025





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