

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN 2009

**ENERGY 09****28, 29 January 2009**

Organised by Siyenza Management and endorsed by the South African National Energy Association (SANEA), ENERGY 09 will take place at the **Sandton Convention Centre**. ENERGY 09 will be a broad-based examination of energy systems, encouraging and assisting African Governments and the Private Sector to develop energy policies that are targeted towards identifying attainable and sustainable energy efficient mechanisms.

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**SOLAR CON TRAINING COURSE****31 January 2009**

Solar Con is offering training courses for the marketing, design and installation of Solar Electric Systems. This one-day course in January will take place in Founders View, Modderfontein.

To make your reservation, call 011 444 7503 or email [dieter@solarcon.co.za](mailto:dieter@solarcon.co.za).

**SCADA CONFERENCE****Midrand, Johannesburg – 24, 25, 26 March 2009**

Now more than ever before, industrial enterprises and utilities rely on their control systems (SCADA, DCSs, PLCs, RTUs, and IEDs) to improve their reliability and efficiency. These new systems are proving even more vulnerable to security breaches and attacks. Today's complex and dynamic security environment often requires difficult decisions to be made. You need to be armed with practical and competent advice in order to make the correct decisions. Tactical not theoretical solutions are the key to success here.

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**AFRICAN UTILITY WEEK 2009 - CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION****18, 21 May, 2009 - Cape Town.**

**African Utility Week** is the largest annual forum for African and international power experts and provides opportunities to network, attend workshops and learn from one another's experiences. In 2008 this prestigious event attracted record numbers of delegates – over 1000 from 36 countries!

African Utility Week focuses on a pro-active future for the business of utilities in Africa and is strategically divided into three distinct tracks: Generation Africa; Transmission & Distribution Africa and Metering, Billing/CRM Africa. Delegates will also have the opportunity to attend presentations on International Utility case studies, presented by experts from a range of international utilities, academic institutions and consultancies.

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**ENGINEERING SKILLS CONFERENCE****Midrand, Johannesburg – 2, 3, 4 June 2009**

We are so concerned about the ongoing skills shortage in South Africa that we are holding a conference to look at ways of addressing the issues here and putting together a "real" achievable action plan. South Africa's economy will have to create between 510 000 and 740 000 jobs a year to meet its accelerated and shared growth initiative for the SA (Asgisa) target of halving unemployment by 2014, according to Merrill Lynch. The current increasingly critical shortfall in engineering skills is making this very difficult to achieve.

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**CO-GENERATION WORLD AFRICA 2009****15 – 18 September 2009**

Co-Generation World Africa is the first gathering for the co-generation community in Africa. It seeks not only to provide a solution to Africa's energy debacle but also initiate energy provision that is clean, efficient and economically viable.

**Co-Generation World Africa 2009**, will focus on exploring opportunities for investment, financing and strategy in Africa's co-generation industry. The conference setup also guarantees networking with key industry players and a wide range of insight on the energy sector in Africa. **Co-Generation World Africa 2009** will take place at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg.

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**GAMA 2009****15 – 18 March 2009, Durban**

The Group of Africa Member Associations (GAMA) 2009 conference will take place at the Elangeni Hotel in Durban. The theme for the conference is: **Millennium Development Goals, are Consulting Engineers Ready?** The conference will focus on the fact that while Africa is the richest continent in terms of resources, it is home to some of the poorest people in the world.

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## GREENPEACE OPENS OFFICE IN JOHANNESBURG

International environmental activists Greenpeace have opened an office in Johannesburg to tackle climate change, deforestation and overfishing on the continent.

Greenpeace Africa executive director Amadou Kanoute said, "While the environmental threats facing Africans are urgent and critical, Africa is in a position to leapfrog dirty development and become a leader in helping to avert catastrophic climate change and protect the natural environment. We are here to help make that happen."

Kanoute continued, "While Africa contributes very little to global warming, the region will be one of the hardest hit by its effects. Over 180 million people in sub-Saharan Africa could die as a result of climate change by the end of the century. Unpredictable rainfall, lower crop yields and dwindling resources are causing mass migration, increased tension and conflict. The South African government should also support central African countries by backing moves to create a funding mechanism that makes protecting tropical forests and the climate more economical than logging."

## APPOINTMENTS



CONSULTING ENGINEERS SOUTH AFRICA (CESA)  
Kieren Brown has been elected as the National Chairperson of Consulting Engineers South Africa's (CESA) Young Professionals Forum (YPP).



CONSULTING ENGINEERS SOUTH AFRICA (CESA)  
Kuvashnee Govender has joined the team as manager of marketing and communications.



WEARCHECK AFRICA, MIDDLEBURG OIL ANALYSIS LABORATORY  
Jaco Stapelberg has been appointed thermographer.



WEARCHECK AFRICA, MIDDLEBURG OIL ANALYSIS LABORATORY  
Chris Hattingh has been appointed technical sales and support consultant.



WEARCHECK AFRICA, MIDDLEBURG OIL ANALYSIS LABORATORY  
Isaac Fambarega has been appointed lab technician.



OMSA VALVES AND INSTRUMENTATION  
Greg Hopton appointed sales manager.



HONEYWELL  
Martin Merrington appointed Engineering Lead: Africa and National and will be based at their Head Office in Midrand.