

MEDIA ADVISORY

South Africa to host the joint meeting of SADC Ministers of Energy and Water

22 June 2018

South Africa will host the joint meeting of Southern African Development Community (SADC) Ministers responsible for Energy and Water from 26-27 June 2018 at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg.

The meeting will be co-chaired by Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr Gugile Nkwinti and Minister of Energy, Mr Jeff Radebe as the newly elected chairpersons for the SADC portfolio in line with the energy, water and food nexus.

The annual meeting will look into the water, energy and food security nexus approaches in support for regional integration and industrial development of the SADC region.

The focus of the meeting is to solicit inputs from Ministers in the member states on how to achieve efficient, seamless, integrated and cost-effective cross-boundary infrastructure networks and services. Furthermore, the meeting will discuss how to promote agricultural productivity and food security at household, national and regional level to stimulate economic development, regional integration and poverty alleviation in the region.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

SADC MINISTERIAL WORKSHOP ON REGIONAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Date : Tuesday, 26 June 2018

- Venue : Sandton Convention Centre
- Times : 08:00 10:00 Opening Session
 - 15:30 Closing Ceremony

JOINT MEETING OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENERGY AND WATER

- Date : Wednesday, 27 June 2018
- Venue : Sandton Convention Centre

Times : 0800 - 10:00

MEDIA BRIEIFING



Date : Wednesday, 27 June 2018

Time : 14:00

Venue : Sandton Convention Centre

NB: Please note that members of the media are required to register prior to the meeting for accreditation purposes.

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