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AfricaPVSEC is an initiative of EU PVSEC and SNEC, which have partnered to promote the photovoltaic solar energy sector in Africa and to bring together leading experts, researchers, public authorities, representatives of international organizations, donors, and NGOs. AfricaPVSEC is supported by European and international organisations including: the European Commission, Asian Photovoltaic Industry Association (APVIA), African Renewable Energy Alliance (AREA), ECOWAS Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE), the International Photovoltaic Equipment Association (IPVEA), International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the University of Johannesburg.

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Solar photovoltaic (PV)-generated electricity is a key energy source poised to meet Africa's rapidly growing energy demand which cannot be met by traditional sources alone. The first PVSEC event on the continent underscores the fact that there is not only a rapidly growing African scientific community surrounding solar PV power generation, but that the installation of PV generation systems is also accelerating in many African countries and promises to be an economic factor in their national economies.

Due to this part of the world's closer proximity to the sun, a huge bonus is derived from PV technology in Africa. While solar energy was viewed as a more expensive energy source just a few years ago, the cost of generation has become comparable to those of other renewable energies, and electricity derived from solar technology has become competitive compared to energy produced from fossil fuels.

Business opportunity: South Africa's solar target is to produce 8.4 GW of PV capacity by 2030



Only the expansion of renewable energies can have a lasting effect to prevent rising prices for oil, gas, coal and uranium. South Africa's target of building 8.4 GW of PV capacity by 2030, combined with the success of its large-scale tendering process in attracting investment to fulfil that goal, has made the country the most attractive emerging PV market globally, according to market research firm IHS Technology. South Africa scored 66 out of 100 in the IHS Emerging PV Markets Attractiveness Index for the fourth quarter of 2013.

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Africa PVSEC is designed to provide an international platform to present and discuss the latest scientific results, as well as to offer networking opportunities for solar industry professionals and public policy stakeholders. The conference programme covers the main topics, focusing on the wide spectrum of photovoltaic technology ranging from fundamental materials research to business and policy assessments.

European Commission Delegation attending AfricaPVSEC 2014



Dr. Giovanni de Santi, European Commission JRC, Director of the Institute for Energy and Transport is heading the delegation joining AfricaPVSEC event that has attracted applications from 111 organizations in 38 countries to present at the upcoming conference in Durban.

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A joint delegation with representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture - CEPAGRI and the Ministry of Energy of Mozambique will attend AfricaPVSEC to meet with international photovoltaic experts and key players.

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