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THE ROLE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IN TRANSFORMING THE ENERGY SECTOR AND ENSURING A JUST TRANSITION

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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DAY 1 PROGRAM

SESSION ONE: OPENING

09-10am Welcome
Introductions
Aim of the conference

SESSION TWO: LABOUR PERSPECTIVE ON TRANSFORMING THE ENERGY SECTOR

10-11am The struggle for energy democracy and just transition: challenges and opportunities
(Zwelinzima Vavi (SAFTU), NUMSA, NUM (tbc))

SESSION THREE: CURRENT ENERGY TRANSITIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR UTILITIES-THE GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

11-1pm Global energy transitions and their implications for public sector utilities *(Sean Sweeney TUED, Daniel Chavez TNI & Samatha Mason)*

1-2pm **LUNCH**

SESSION FOUR: THE SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION

2-3:30pm Overview of South Africa's economy, focusing particularly on energy sector *(Brian Ashely (AIDC) & Caroline Ntaopane Womin)*

3:30-3:45pm **TEA**

3:45-4:45pm Energy Planning for a low carbon economy (Richard Worthington)

4:45-5pm Summary session- main issues/ themes *(Sandra van Niekerk)*

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DAY 2 PROGRAM

9-11am Coming to terms with the current crisis at Eskom
(*Salien Fakir, NUMSA*)

SESSION FIVE: SUPPLY CHAINS

11-11.15am TEA

11.15-1pm Should South Africa be focusing on growing a local renewable energy sector?

South African attempts to grow the sector (Richard Worthington)

A union perspective (*NUMSA*)

A government perspective: experience from Uruguay
(*Sabastain Torres*)

Raising an alternative perspective (*Sean Sweeney TUED*)

1-2pm LUNCH

SESSION SIX: A JUST TRANSITION TO A TRANSFORMED ENERGY SECTOR

2-4.45pm Overview : The path to a Just Transition in South Africa
(*Tasneem Essop*)

A horizontally integrated energy sector? (*Sean Sweeney TUED*)

Different components of a transformed energy sector
- from public utilities to local government (*Sandra van Niekerk*)

4.45-5pm Summary session-main issues/ themes emerging
(*Sandra van Niekerk*)

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DAY 3 PROGRAM

SESSION SEVEN: PREPARING FOR A PUBLIC PATHWAY

9-1pm Developing a programme of action

1pm **CLOSURE AND LUNCH**

