



**SEIFSA CONFERENCE 2026 – POWERING INDUSTRIALISATION  
RELIABILITY | AFFORDABILITY | SUSTAINABILITY**

**Venue:** Emperors Palace, Kempton Park

**Date:** Thursday 11 June 2026

Energy has become the single most important determinant of South Africa's industrial competitiveness. For the metals and engineering sector, the backbone of South Africa's industrial base, the reliability, affordability and long-term sustainability of the energy supply industry (ESI) directly shape investment decisions, production capacity and employment. The development of the infrastructure of the ESI is also a critical demand anchor for the metals and engineering sector.

This Conference brings together leaders from government, regulators, energy producers, financiers and industry to engage on the practical issues that matter most to manufacturers: restoring system reliability, improving tariff predictability, expanding transmission infrastructure and strengthening municipal performance.

**PROGRAMME**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session &amp; Speakers</b>	<b>Focus</b>
08:00 – 09:00	Registration	Arrival and Networking
09:00 – 09:10	<b>Program Director</b> - Tafadzwa Chibanguza, Chief Executive Officer, SEIFSA	Welcome and Introductory Remarks
09:10 – 09:30	<b>Conference Overview and Address</b> - Mervyn Naidoo, President, SEIFSA	Powering Growth: Energy Reform, Infrastructure Investment and South Africa's Industrial Future
09:30 – 10:30	<b>Key Note Address</b> - <b>Mr Silas Zimu</b> , Office of the Minister of Electricity	"Shaping South Africa's Energy Future: Policy Direction and the Path to Industrial Growth."
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Industry Perspective</b> - Elias Monage, Vice President SEIFSA	Translating Energy Reform into Industrial Sustainability



11:00 – 11:30	Comfort Break	
11:30 – 12:30	<p><b>SESSION 1: RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE</b></p> <p>- <b>Moderator: Keith Katyora (Energy Council South Africa)</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Precious Edward</b> - Head, Independent Power Producers Office</li> <li>• <b>Monde Bala</b>, Chief Executive Officer, National Transmission Company of South Africa</li> <li>• <b>Mthobeli Kolisa</b>, Chief Officer: Infrastructure Delivery, South African Local Government Association</li> <li>• <b>Dr Tebogo Makube</b>, Deputy Director-General: Sectors, the dtic</li> </ul>	Restoring System Reliability: Infrastructure Development, Grid Expansion, Municipal Performance and Energy Security
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 15:00	<p><b>SESSION 2: AFFORDABILITY</b></p> <p>- <b>Keynote: Thembani Bukula</b>, Chairperson, National Energy Regulator of South Africa</p> <p>- <b>Moderator: Happy Khambule (Enertrag)</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fanele Mondli</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Intensive Users Group</li> </ul>	Electricity Pricing and Industrial Competitiveness

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lungile Mashele</b>, Energy Economist</li> <li>• <b>Mathapelo Malao</b>, Head: Energy, Environment and ICT, Development Bank of Southern Africa</li> <li>• <b>James Mackay</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Council of South Africa</li> </ul>	
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	
15:30 – 17:00	<p><b>SESSION 3: SUSTAINABILITY</b></p> <p>- <b>Keynote: Mr Dipak Patel</b>, Commissioner: Presidential Climate Commission</p> <p>- <b>Moderator: Ntombizethu Diko (Business Unity South Africa)</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Karen Breytenbach</b>, Head: Climate Finance and Just Transition, Development Bank of Southern Africa</li> <li>• <b>Alex McNamara</b>, Head of Environment, National Business Initiative</li> <li>• <b>Mphokolo Makara</b>, Chief Executive Officer, SA H2 Fund Managers</li> <li>• <b>Shamini Harrington</b>, Senior Executive: Environment, Minerals Council South Africa</li> </ul>	Managing the transition without de-industrialisation

17:00	<p><b>Conference Close</b></p> <p>Tafadzwa Chibanguza, Chief Executive Officer, SEIFSA</p>	Key takeaways and Next Steps
<b>18:00 – 21:00</b>	<b>Networking Gala Dinner</b>	
	<p><b>Program Director</b> Nuraan Alli, Marketing, Sales &amp; Communications Executive, SEIFSA</p> <p>Scene-Setting and Introducing the Honourable Minister Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa</p> <p>Pre-Key Note Address and Introduction of the Deputy President, Paul Mashatile</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>KEY NOTE ADDRESS</u> Deputy President, Paul Mashatile</p> <p>Vote of thanks and Closure:</p>	<p>Welcome and Introductory Remarks</p> <p>Elias Monage, Vice President, SEIFSA</p> <p>Minister Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa</p> <p>Mervyn Naidoo, President, SEIFSA</p>