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Global African Hydrogen Summit Harnessing Africa's Green Resources For A Just, Fair and Inclusive Economic Transition

Windhoek, Namibia – As the world grapples with the urgent need to address climate change and shift towards sustainable energy solutions, Africa stands poised to play a pivotal role in the global transition. By leveraging its abundant green and renewable natural resources, the continent can not only support a just transition to cleaner sources of energy but can also build inclusive and fair economies, end energy poverty, and contribute significantly to global decarbonisation efforts.

Africa is endowed with vast renewable energy potential, including solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal resources. These resources, if harnessed effectively, can power the continent's development and provide a sustainable energy future. The African Union's Agenda 2063 emphasises the need for transformative growth that is inclusive and environmentally sustainable. By investing in renewable energy infrastructure, African nations can reduce their dependency on hydrocarbons, decrease greenhouse gas emissions, and foster economic growth that benefits all segments of society.

The inaugural Global African Hydrogen Summit is set to take place from 3 – 5 September 2024 in Windhoek, Namibia, bringing together policymakers, leaders, innovators, and stakeholders from around Africa and across the globe to explore and harness Africa's vast green hydrogen potential. The Summit will support strategies to meet energy demand across the continent through a just and inclusive economic transition that contribute significantly to global decarbonisation efforts.

“The promise of a better tomorrow for Namibia's children especially for those in the smaller communities which are less privileged” reflected William Shilamba, Director, energy.com.na in a recent docufilm made about the Summit.

A just transition in Africa requires policies and investments that ensure all communities benefit from the green economy. By fostering local entrepreneurship, hydrogen can drive economic growth that benefits all segments of society. Key levers to support such development include job creation, skills development, fair labour practices, capacity building and technology transfer.

With the right strategies, Africa can avoid the pitfalls of inequality that have plagued other energy transitions worldwide.

Inclusive initiatives that the Summit has been actively advocating include women empowerment, youth engagement, community outreach as well as championing MSMEs and Startups.

In the same docufilm entitled ‘The Road To Namibia’ recently aired on NBC television, Toni Beukes, Head of ESG at Hyphen Hydrogen Energy shared that, “I'm responsible for looking after the socioeconomic development component of the project, which is all to do with how Namibian's will benefit, so that's the driver!”.

The Global African Hydrogen Summit embodies the objective to facilitate collaboration and partnerships between African nations and international stakeholders, including governments and private sector entities. However, achieving a just, fair and inclusive economic transition for all must include active involvement from often marginalised and overlooked representatives from across civil society including women, youth, and indigenous communities. These groups deserve a seat at the table and a voice in the dialogue to ensure that collaboration and engagement efforts are to be wholistically inclusive, leaving no one behind.

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About The Global African Hydrogen Summit (GAH2S) 2024

Convening The Global Hydrogen Industry In Namibia

In its inaugural edition to be hosted in Namibia, the pioneering three-day Global African Hydrogen Summit will convene heads of state, government agencies, industry business leaders, project developers, investors, thought leaders, technologists and end users from across Africa and around the globe to drive partnerships for and critical investments and financing into bankable green energy projects of strategic and national importance across Africa, spanning hydrogen, renewables, agriculture, mining, power, infrastructure, transportation, mobility and hard to abate sectors.

As a pioneering and innovative investment platform, the Global African Hydrogen Summit will provide a variety of engagement opportunities including educative masterclasses, high level leadership dialogues, a world class strategic conference, project investment roundtables, and an international exhibition and innovation zone.

Participation is expected from across the global energy value chain including:

- 2+ heads of state
- 20+ African & Global ministers
- 40+ bankable African green energy projects

- 2,000+ attendees
- 700+ conference delegates
- 125+ international exhibitors
- 115+ expert industry speakers
- 100+ youth participants
- 65+ countries represented from around the globe
- 7+ Green Energy Awards

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