



**WELCOME REMARKS BY  
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SOUTH AFRICA  
ENERGY INDABA,  
GALLAGHER ESTATE, MIDRAND, JOHANNESBURG  
07 – 08 DECEMBER 2017**

Your Excellency President JG Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa

Ministers and Deputy Ministers,

MEC and MPLs

Premiers and their representatives

Honourable Members of Parliament

Members of the Diplomatic Corps

Invited Speakers, Facilitators, Moderators and Rapporteurs

Distinguished guests

Delegates

Members of the Media

Ladies and gentlemen

Good morning

I welcome you all very warmly, to our Energy Indaba 2017. A special welcome is to our His Excellency, President JG Zuma, who has taken time to be with us. There can be no doubt about the importance of energy for government, as it is a priority for the country.

The Energy Indaba is a platform created by our Minister of Energy, David Mahlobo to enable discussions, debates and sharing of ideas and information, so we can all contribute to the energy discourse of the country and shape the trajectory for the sector.

The programme is divided into sessions composed of plenary and commissions. At plenary we have presentations that cover all energy resources and the role of each in the energy mix of South Africa.

Our responsibility as the delegates is to make contributions in the commissions. As government representatives, we have a listening brief, and are available to provide clarity on policy, and taking note of the deliberations. During discussion, please indicate the challenges but most importantly provide the solutions. I am sure that we all have information, opinions about the role and place of all our different energy sources, and their place within our energy mix.

Once more, I welcome you all and want to thank you for responding positively to our invitation. I wish us all very fruitful engagements and great Indaba.

Before I invite the Minister to the stage, may I take this opportunity to request you to put your phones on silence? The focus and purpose of the Indaba will be provided by the Minister.

I now take this opportunity to call the Minister of Energy to make his remarks and introduce the His Excellency President Jacob Zuma.

I thank you.