



## Angola conference to highlight investment opportunities

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The new Namibian Mines and Energy minister, the Honourable Isak Katali, and his Angolan counterpart, H.E. Emanuela Afonso Vieira Lopes, head up the contingent of high-level dignitaries and experts who will highlight investment opportunities and partnerships in the Southern African power and Angolan infrastructure sectors during the iPAD Angola and Power Industry Forum events in Luanda from 4-7 May.

Nampower director Paulinus Shilamba will also give prospective investors an update on Namibia's electricity infrastructure reconstruction programme.

The iPAD (Infrastructure Partnerships for African Development) events are well-known and respected high-level investment forums on the continent.

Says Soren du Preez, iPAD Power Industry Forum director: "We are providing a long-awaited and necessary platform for Southern Africa's electricity utilities, investors and business professionals to unite and define the future of the region's energy partnerships. Angola, as one of the most exciting emerging nations on the African continent, appropriately sets the stage, providing a distinct example of the macroeconomic growth potential of the region."

According to du Preez, Namibia has a very important contribution to make.

"We invited Minister Katali specifically as Namibia and Angola have strong neighbourly and economic ties and the two countries are an example of how cross-border partnerships can work towards increasing rural electrification and building a regional power industry. We look forward to learning from Namibia's example in order to empower the rest of the Southern African region".

The conference will also address Namibia's role in southern African power, Rural electrification, the development of independent energy, electrifying for industry, opportunities for investment and partnerships in developing Angola's industrial sector, electricity infrastructure and update on the reconstruction program.

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