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Namibian Mines and Energy minister Isak Katali to address regional power forum in Angola

High-level Namibian power delegation at Luanda events in May

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 Soren 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".

Conference highlights include:

- **Special address: H.E. Isak Katali, Minister, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Namibia**
Namibia's role in southern African power ; Cross-border power partnerships ; Rural electrification
- **H.E. Emanuela Afonso Vieira Lopes, Minister, Ministry of Energy, Angola**
The development of independent energy; Angola's national and regional role in southern African power ; Update on Cabinda: electrifying for industry
- **Keynote address: Opportunities for investment and partnerships in developing Angola's industrial sector**
Kiala Gabriel, Secretary of State for Industry, Ministry of Geology, Mining and Industry, Angola
- **Electricity Infrastructure: Update on the reconstruction program**
Infrastructure requirements and sustainable development ; Regulation for an investment enabling environment ; Initiatives to expand the energy mix

- Paulinus Shilamba, Director, Nampower, Namibia*
- **Electrification status: the way forward**
Increasing power accessibility in rural communities through joint exploration, exploitation and conversion ; A common and competitive electricity market for the region? Uniformity in planning and operating criteria
Tony Ramos, Coordination Centre Manager, Southern African Power Pool (SAPP), Angola
 - **Integrated economics for Southern African energy**
Development and pooling of energy resources ; Regional disparity of production, distribution and utilization of energy ; Integration of standards for cross-border uniformity
Amos Marawa, Director of Infrastructure, The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Zambia
 - **Elite industry debate on lessons learnt**
Jon Marks, Editorial Director, African Energy, United Kingdom ; Paulinus Shilamba, Managing Director, Nampower, Namibia ; Jose Manuel Francisco, CEO, EDEL, Angola ; Fernando Gongga, Chief Executive Officer, ENE, Angola ; Paul Eardley-Taylor, Head of Energy, Utilities, and Infrastructure, Standard Bank, South Africa ; Eduardo Nelumba, Former CEO, ENE, Angola

The conference and exhibition websites: www.ipad-africa.com/powerforum and www.ipad-africa.com/angola

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