

Futures of Green Industrialisation: Advancing AU and BRICS Energy Transitions

Agenda

Thursday, 07 May 2026

11:00 – 12:30 (SAST)

Hybrid Event: [Registration](#)

Format

Presentation and moderated panel discussions

- 10-minute presentation on BRICS Energy Transitions,
- 10-minute presentation for advancing AU RE Industrialisation,
- 30-minute moderated session where each panellist has 10 minutes,
- followed by a joint 20-minute audience engagement (question and answer time) for all speakers.

Discussion Overview

As global energy transitions accelerate amid shifting geopolitical dynamics, Africa and BRICS have an opportune window to shape emerging power structures while advancing development priorities. This event situates Africa and BRICS at the intersection of energy governance and green industrialisation efforts, highlighting the urgency of coordinated, foresight-informed strategies that ensure equitable, sovereign and sustainable outcomes.

It is in this context that SAIIA is launching two timely research papers addressing:

- The BRICS Energy Sovereignty Question: Power Politics and Who Sets the Rules; and
- Advancing Green Industrialisation in the African Union: A Model Strategic Framework 2026-2063, using Egypt as a case study.

Together, these reports support proactive leadership for equitable energy transitions and the advancement of a green industrialisation agenda for Africa and the broader Global South. They outline the “what” of transformative structural change, the “how” through governance mechanisms and the “when” by identifying urgent strategic priorities for BRICS climate and energy transitions and AU-led green industrialisation.

The BRICS Climate and Energy Compass, a practical five-axis navigation tool supported by a clear accountability framework anchored in measurable regime flip metrics for 2025-2030, will be introduced. The analysis highlights three strategic priorities for funders and decision-makers: reforming global and intra-BRICS financial architecture, catalysing investment in hard-to-abate sectors, and localising climate finance to strengthen

sub-national capability, each operationalised through a focused five-year tactical roadmap.

The AU Green Industrialisation Strategic Framework for sovereign, just, and resilient energy transitions was developed through close collaboration with the AU Energy Commission and AUDA-Nepad and multistakeholder participatory workshops. The framework is a navigation tool that identifies interconnected axes which shape how AU member states plan their green industrial strategies, how funders prioritise their support, and how multilateral processes are designed.

This launch seeks to catalyse foresight and preparedness, as well as enhance collaboration and action among BRICS and African stakeholders.

PROGRAMME

Time	Topic	Speakers
Programme Moderator: Dr Deon Cloete, Head: Futures Programme, SAIIA		
11:00 – 11:05	Welcome and introductions	Dr Deon Cloete Head: Futures Programme SAIIA
11:05 – 11:15	Presentation on BRICS Energy Sovereignty Question, Power Politics and Who Sets the Rules	Dr Njeri Mwagiru Senior Researcher: Futures Programme SAIIA
11:15 – 11:30	Presentation on A Model Strategic Framework for Advancing Green Industrialisation in the African Union	Letitia Jentel Senior Programme Manager and Researcher: Futures Programme SAIIA
Panel Discussion and Q&A Session		
11:30 – 12:00	The BRICS Energy Sovereignty Question: Power Politics and Who Sets the Rules	The moderator poses questions to: Dr Lauren Johnston Consultant Senior Researcher: Foreign Policy Programme SAIIA
	Advancing Green Industrialisation in the African Union: A Model Strategic Framework 2026-2063, using Egypt as a case study	The moderator poses questions to: Peter Kinuthia Principal Energy Advisor: African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) and Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)

		Nickson Bukachi Senior Policy Officer: AU African Energy Commission (AFREC)
12:00 – 12:20	Q&A session for speakers	Facilitated by moderator
12:20 – 12:30	Closing and thanks	Alex Benkenstein, Head: Climate and Natural Resources Programme SAIIA