

4 August 2017

Dear sir/madam,

THE SHALE GAS INDUSTRY IN SOUTH AFRICA: TOWARD A SCIENCE ACTION PLAN

On behalf of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), I would like to invite you attend the event titled **The Shale Gas Industry in South Africa: Toward a Science Action Plan** to be held from **31 August to 1 September 2017** at the Boardwalk Conference Centre in Port Elizabeth. The event is an initiative following the publication of the ASSAf report on "South Africa's Technical Readiness to support the Shale Gas Industry". In addition to the ASSAf report, the report on "Shale Gas Development in the Central Karoo: A Scientific Assessment of the Opportunities and Risks" is to be highlighted. In detail the purpose of the event is three-fold:

1. Showcase critical national reports on shale gas in South Africa.

Following presentations on the individual reports, highlighting key findings and recommendations, formal responses will be invited from key stakeholders.

2. Analyse the regulatory environment in light of the findings and recommendations.

A session will be dedicated to describing the regulatory environment related to the shale gas industry. The session will be followed by a debate with key officials facilitating discussions.

3. Consolidate common findings and recommendations and provide a platform for debate.

Following presentation of the key national documents, and discussions on the regulatory environment, there will be an opportunity for detailed deliberations initiated by a synthesis of the key findings and recommendations.

A proceedings report of the event will contribute towards framing a Science Action Plan to initiate and coordinate research in preparation and support for an emerging shale gas industry.

ASSAf will cover your (economy class) air travel, ground travel and subsistence costs related to your attendance and participation at this event. Please note that this is an exclusive invitation. Should you be available to attend, we would greatly appreciate it if you would follow this link ([click here](#)) to register and provide accurate contact details for logistics purposes. Please register by **Monday 14 August**.

I sincerely hope you will support this important meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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