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Dear sir/madam,

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Discussion Sessions: Monday 25 January 2010

We would like to invite you to the political decision makers meeting of the *Soltrain [Solar Water Heating Training Initiative in Southern Africa]* sponsored by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) in partnership with AEE Intec and local stakeholders on Monday 25 January 2010 in Cape Town at the Western Cape Government's Boardroom (see map below).

As a stakeholder in solar energy and someone who can influence policy in this regard you can make a major input to these two initiatives that form part of government policy in both South Africa and the neighbouring countries of Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe. The training of producers, installers and maintainers of SWH in Southern Africa has been identified previously as one of the major barriers to large-scale implementation. Installers and maintainers constitute that part of the SWH value chain that carries least risk and capital investment and is therefore suitable for creating work opportunities for the Southern African region, especially in the current economic situation.

The morning session will be opened by Prof Wikus van Niekerk from the Centre of Renewable and Sustainable Studies, followed by a presentation showing the framework of the Soltrain project. Dr Werner Weiss will present a view of the international market. The post coffee session will cover the current status solar market in South Africa. The workshop will conclude with a discussion and recommendations for future political decisions.

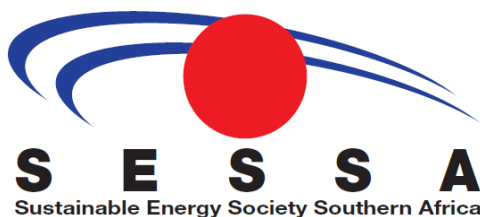
The workshop will take place from 09h00 – 12h00 at the Western Cape Government's Boardroom, Ground Floor, Utilitas Building, 1 Dorp Street, Cape Town, South Africa. The venue is **limited to 30 participants**, so please confirm your attendance by **no later than Monday 18 January 2010** with Ms Jos Liebenberg at 021 808 4069 or jhl2@sun.ac.za .

We are looking forward to meet you there.

Kind regards,

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Sustainable Energy Studies, Stellenbosch





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SOLTRAIN

1st Workshop for political decision makers and administrators

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1 Dorp Street, Cape Town, South Africa

09:00 - 09:15	Welcome by the Host and the Project Coordinator <i>Prof. Wikus van Niekerk, CRSES</i> <i>Werner Weiss, AEE INTEC</i>
09:15 - 09:30	The framework, duration and the content of the SOLTRAIN project <i>Prof. Wikus van Niekerk, CRSES</i>
09:30 - 10:15	Current Status of Solar Thermal Application Worldwide and Successful Political Support Mechanisms <i>Werner Weiss, AEE INTEC</i>
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 - 11:00	The Development of the Solar Thermal Market in South Africa Success and Obstacles <i>Prof. Wikus van Niekerk, CRSES</i>
11:00 - 11:30	Research and Demonstration Programmes and the Possibilities of South African Participation 7 th Framework Programme of the European Union Programmes of the International Energy Agency <i>Werner Weiss, AEE INTEC</i>
11:30 - 12:00	Discussion of the presentations and definition of future work
12:00	End of the workshop



North ↑	● Bowling Club	🏊 Swimming	🏊 Water Sports	🛣 National Route	🚗 Major & Minor Routes	🚇 Metro Route	🚒 Community Service	🏛 Municipal Clinic	🏠 Recreation Centre	🕌 Place of Worship	🏠 Bette Site	⛪ Cemetery	North ↑
	🏏 Cricket	🎾 Tennis	⚾ Baseball	🚦 Toll Plaza	🏘 Retail Area / Industrial Area	🛣 National Road / Freeway	🚓 Traffic Department	🏥 Hospital/Clinic (24 Hour Casualty)	🏢 Government Office	🚗 Parking	🏠 Conference Centre	🌳 Bird Sanctuary	
Legend	🏒 Hockey	🏌 Golf	🏃 Athletics	🚦 Traffic Light	🏘 Built-up Area / Industrial Settlement	🛣 Main Through Route	🚓 Metro Police	🏥 Hospital	📧 Post Office	🏠 Place of Interest	🏠 Caravan Park	🌳 Nature Reserve	
	🏈 Rugby	👟 Shooting	🏠 Lighthouse	🚧 Restricted Access / Entrance	🌳 Park / Sports Ground	🛣 Other Road with Bridge	🚓 Police Station	🏥 Library	🎬 Cinema	🏛 Historical Monument	🏠 Hotel	✈ International Airport	
	⚽ Soccer	🏏 Polo	🏠 Wine Estate	🚉 Service Station	🚉 Railway with Station	🛣 One-way St. Start/End	🚒 Fire Station	🏛 Municipal Office	🛍 Shopping Centre	🏛 Provincial Heritage Site	🏠 Embassy	✈ Airfield	
	🏑 Squash	🏀 Basketball	🍷 Wine Sales	🚰 Tourist Information	🚲 Biding	🌳 Nature Trail	⚖ Law Court	🏠 School	🎭 Theatre	🏛 Museum	🏠 Consulate	🏠 Hospital	

* Roads in these areas sometimes unlabelled