



## **Conference Announcement**

### **African Science Academy Development Initiative (ASADI) VI Conference**

**Date: 09-10 November 2010**

**Venue: The Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West, South Africa**

**Theme: Improving Access to Energy in Sub-Saharan Africa**

#### **Conference Date, Venue, and Theme**

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) will host the sixth African Science Academy Development Initiative (ASADI) conference which will focus on **Improving Access to Energy in Sub-Saharan Africa** at the **Lord Charles Hotel**, Somerset West, Western Cape from **9 to 10 November 2010**.

#### *Address of Venue:*

Cnr Faure & Stellenbosch Roads, Somerset West  
PO Box 5151, Helderberg, 7135, SOUTH AFRICA  
Telephone: +27 (0) 21 855 1040  
Fax: +27 (0) 21 855 1107  
[www.nh-hotels.co.za](http://www.nh-hotels.co.za)

#### **Conference Aim**

This ASADI VI conference seeks to find ways of improving access to energy, especially in the sub-Saharan Africa region. Some of the topics that will be focused on are traditional versus modern forms of energy; who has access to energy; bridging the gap between rural and urban areas in terms of energy access; affordable and sustainable access to energy; and energy as a universal supply for economic development. These evidence-based solutions will be shared with policy-makers from African governments and the public. A policy-makers' advisory booklet on improving access to energy will be launched at the conference.

#### **About ASSAf**

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) was inaugurated in May 1996 in the presence of President Nelson Mandela, the Patron of the launch of the Academy. It was formed in response to the need for an Academy of Science consonant with the dawn of democracy in

South Africa: activist in its mission of using science for the benefit of society, with a mandate encompassing all fields of scientific enquiry in a seamless way, and including in its ranks the full diversity of South Africa's distinguished scientists. The Parliament of South Africa passed the Academy of Science of South Africa Act (Act 67 in 2001) which came into operation on 15 May 2002. This has made ASSAf the official Academy of Science of South Africa, recognized by government and representing South Africa in the international community of science academies.

The Academy in its unique position is tasked with providing direction, investigating and generating evidence-based advice on issues of public interest as they relate to scientific research. ASSAf regularly publishes its findings and recommendations and also acknowledges the achievements of South African scientists in order to develop the intellectual capability of the nation and promote innovative scientific thinking. The Academy enjoys regular interaction and knowledge exchange with other national science academies throughout the African continent as well as the global scientific community.

For more information visit: [www.assaf.org.za](http://www.assaf.org.za)

### **About ASADI**

The African Science Academy Development Initiative (ASADI) was launched in 2004 by the U.S. National Academies and is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. ASADI is a 10-year effort aimed at strengthening the capability of African science academies to provide independent, evidence-supported advice to inform African government policy making and public discourse related to improving human health. The initiative also aims to foster a deeper appreciation on the part of African governments for the benefits of decision-making based on evidence and analysis - with a view toward building the demand for Academy-led efforts.

The grant supports intense capacity-building efforts with the science academies of Uganda, South Africa, and Nigeria - competitively selected on the basis of their potential to develop an effective and sustained policy-advisory process, the receptivity of their governments to seek advice from the scientific community, and the existence of a critical mass of scientific talent willing to serve as participants in policy-advisory activities. Collaborative partnering with these academies has helped to develop infrastructure, personnel, relationships between the academy and its government, and rigorous procedures for providing policy advice. The grant also provides modest support to the academies of Ghana, Cameroon, Senegal, Kenya, and the regional African Academy of Sciences for strategic planning efforts.

Complementary to the efforts to build capacity at the national level, an annual regional conference -held annually over the 10-year life of the project - is intended to enhance cooperation among African science academies, strengthen relationships among representatives of the academies and the policy making community, and foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the value of evidence-based policy advice.

For more information visit: <http://www.nationalacademies.org/asadi/>

### **Participation**

The conference will provide an opportunity for professionals, NGO's and those in academia interested in energy matters, globally and within the continent, to interact with global energy leaders and other speakers who will address the conference. Participation is encouraged of young scientists, researchers, and professionals in the field of energy.

## **Conference Fees**

The conference registration fee is:

- R1000 for both days
- R700 for a one day attendance

The conference fee will cover the daily conference package, conference bag, conference material and dinner on 9 November 2010

## **ASSAf Banking Details**

The ASSAf banking details are as follows:

Account Name: Academy of Science of South Africa

Bank Name: Standard Bank Hatfield – South Africa

Account number: 01 325 364 6

Branch code: 011 545

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Hatfield Standard Plaza

440 Hilda Street

Hatfield, Pretoria

0083 RSA

Registrants are requested to make payments through **cash deposits, cheques, credit cards, and online wire transfer**. Payments should be effected by **Friday 15 October 2010**.

Those using cheques should indicate their names and surnames as per the registration at the back of their cheques, while those using the other modes of payment should use their names and surnames as per the registration form as reference.

## **Registration**

The attached Registration Form must be completed in all its parts and returned to the ASSAf Secretariat in Pretoria by **Friday 15 October 2010**. A formal invitation letter will be sent to applicants, which will confirm the receipt of registration forms as well as payment of the registration fee. There are a limited number of seats available.

## **Travel and Accommodation**

Participants should make their own travel and accommodation arrangements to the conference.

## **Official Language**

The official language at the conference will be English.

## **Address for Correspondence and Further Details**

Physical Address:

1st Floor Block A, The Woods, 41 De Havilland Crescent, Persequor Park, Meiring Naudé Road, Lynnwood 0020, Pretoria, South Africa

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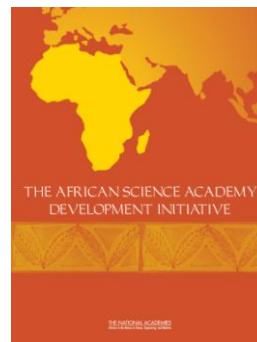
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**Conference Registration Form**

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Travel Information			
Anticipated Arrival Date:		Anticipated Departure Date:	
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Known Medical Conditions			
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