

2015 ENERGY AFRICA CONFERENCE: CALL FOR STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The 8th Annual Energy Africa Conference (http://energyafricaconference.com) will be held at Colorado School of Mines from October 29 to 30, 2015 at the Green Center. The conference will bring together high level government officials, business executives, engineers, investors, energy professionals, academicians and students from Africa and all over the world to dialog, collaborate, and invest in the work needed to supply clean, reliable, accessible, affordable and sustainable energy in Africa largely by leveraging natural gas and renewable energy sources.

In this regard, the African Energy and Development Initiative (AFEDI) in collaboration with the Energy Africa Conference are inviting student submissions for poster presentations to be displayed alongside the conference. The posters will provide attendees with a more complete understanding of how graduate and undergraduate students from various institutions are incorporating the pillars of sustainability (economic, social, and environmental) in addressing current and future needs in their design, research, practice, business and other practices. The submission must explain how these pillars and the needs of future generations have been integrated in the analysis or practice to be presented. It is recommended that authors include a section (one slide) on potential challenges in applying your research in Africa or policy recommendations in relation to your work.

Prizes and Awards: The Energy Africa Conference will reward the author(s) of the most outstanding presentations. The winners and runners-up will be announced at the conference luncheon on October 30, 2015. The author(s) of the best poster will receive \$1,000.00, while the prizes for the first and second runners-up are \$600.00 and \$400.00 respectively.

Submission Instructions: Submit an abstract of no more than **350** words summarizing your research and content of the poster, along with the title and author(s). Make sure to include the institutional affiliations and contact information of the author(s).

Submission Link: http://energyafricaconference.com/student-poster-presentation/ Submission takes less than a minute and only an abstract is required.

Deadline: The submission deadline is **September 15, 2015**.

Acceptance: Abstracts will be reviewed on a rolling basis. The author(s) and presenter(s) of all accepted abstracts will be contacted and automatically registered for the conference free of charge.

Networking Opportunities: The Energy Africa Conference provides tremendous opportunities for students to network with luminaries in the areas of energy delivery and international development. Attendees of the conference include representatives from Chevron, Anadarko, Shell, US Department of Energy and the World Bank, among others. The invited speakers (yet to be confirmed) are Lonnie Johnson, the investor of the super soaker water gun (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQsf-qBjuGY), Kofi Anan, the former Secretary General of the United Nations and Thabo Mbeki, the former President of South Africa.

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