

TOPIC

The power outlook in South Africa and what you can do about it

SYNOPSIS

The presentation by Chris Yelland will discuss the background to the current problems in South Africa and the power outlook in the next five years. Issues such as the cost and time overruns at Medupi and Kusile will be discussed, the resulting capacity shortages and the impact this has had on maintenance of Eskom's current generation fleet. The issues of the distribution system maintenance backlog will also be covered. Short, medium and long term solutions will be suggested, together with mitigation strategies for industrial, commercial and domestic electricity customers.

SPEAKER

Chris Yelland

Chris is a fellow of the SAIEE, a senior member of the IEEE (USA), and a member of the IET (UK). He is also a registered Chartered Engineer with the Engineering Council in the UK.



Chris Yelland obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Natal in 1976, and is the founder and managing director at EE Publishers (Pty) Ltd, the publisher of Engineer IT, Energize, Vector and Position IT magazines. Chris was the winner of the 2002 South African Bureau of Standards Media Award for "exceptional contribution to increasing the awareness of standardisation and related issues through the media". In 2003, he won a merit award in the Energy category of the 2003 Siemens Profile Awards, "recognising journalistic contribution to excellence in the field of science and technology".

At the 2004 ABB Excellence in Technology Reporting Awards, Chris received the ABB Technology Journalist of the Year Award for 2004. In 2009, Chris won the South African National Energy Association (SANEA) Journalism Award for "special efforts within the field of journalism to promote greater understanding of energy and its role in sustaining human endeavours".

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