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# Fresh Air

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The AfriWEA offices will be closed for the festive holidays from 15 December 2010 until 10 January 2011.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL AND A VERY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!!



## NEWS FROM AFRICA

### Egypt's Wind Feed-in Tariff Underway

Egypt is set to deliver its wind feed-in tariff (FIT) in 2012 which the government hopes will help it reach 7,200 MW of wind energy capacity by 2020.

More at:

[ae-africa.com/read\\_article.php?NID=2](http://ae-africa.com/read_article.php?NID=2)

### Germany Looks further into North Africa

Germany and Algeria have announced plans for a closer bilateral relationship focused on the North African country's energy sector including fossil fuels and renewable energy. Read article at: <http://ae-africa.com/print.php?NID=2601>

### Senegal—Construction of two wind farms with 175 Mw underway

Senegal has started construction of two wind farms with a total installed capability of 175 MW, over a location on its northern coast.. Read article at: [windfair.net/press/8493.html](http://windfair.net/press/8493.html)

## EVENTS

**March 13– 19, 2011**

**SMALL WIND ENERGY SEMINAR**

**GLUCKSBERG, GERMANY**

**Ph: +0049 4631 61160**

**[www.artefact.de](http://www.artefact.de)**

**May 9-11, 2011**

**WIND POWER AFRICA CONFERENCE 2011**

**CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA**

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## BLOWING IN THE WIND



Dear Members  
and  
Friends of Afriwea

All our attention and hope is now on interesting developments in South Africa:

Renewable energy investors show strong interest in South Africa's Renewable Energy Feed in Tariff's opportunity. SA's Energy Department (DoE) received 364 responses from renewable energy developers in response to a request for information (RFI) issued at the end of September 2010 for the initial phase of the country's renewable energy feed-in tariff (Refit) programme, notes an Engineering News report. In total, the projects represented some 20 000 MW of renewable energy capacity, as well as

4 000 MW of cogeneration capacity. Ingi Salgado of business report concluded that the aim was to assess the fitness of the private sector to participate in renewable energy projects, including the readiness of the market to enter into accelerated procurement and negotiation processes. The bulk of capacity was for wind projects (70 percent), followed by solar photo voltaics (15 percent) and concentrating solar thermal (10 Percent).

Nobel Laureate and former World Bank chief economist Joseph Stiglitz came out in support of the South African government's New Growth Path and said it correctly put employment at its core. He praised the plan's goal of building a long-term foundation for a vibrant society in contrast with "the short-termism of unregulated markets, made so evident in the recent crisis". He applauded the combination of direct government action such as infrastructure investment aided by development finance, along with a reorientation of industrial and competition policies to reward effort, innovation and entrepreneurship. Stiglitz praised the commitment to a more competitive and stable exchange rate, a stronger vision for economic integration with Africa and setting priority sectors for job creation.

With South Africa, the gateway to Sub-Saharan Africa, clearly promising fast progress, bodes well for implementing wind energy projects in Africa. It is expected that just before the Wind Power Africa 2011 conference and renewable energy exhibition, it will be known who the "winners" are in the first tranche of the R 1,25 ZAR/kWh (Euro 0,132/kWh) REFIT projects.

Please mark the date for the **WPA 2011 conference and renewable energy exhibition to be held 9-11 May 2011 in Cape Town.**

Exhibition space is taken up already rapidly: make sure to secure your place in Africa.

May I wish you, your family, friends and colleagues a quiet festive season into a prosperous new year 2011 with lots of health and wealth for all.

Yours sincerely

Hermann Oelsner (President)