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SANEA ENERGY AWARDS 2010

2010 Award Winner

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Award

Hillary Erasmus

Brooke Patrick Publications



Hillary is well known for her insistence on accurate and objective reporting of energy matters. She ensures that her work is well researched and that it presents a balanced view of the issues.

She is a firm believer that good decision making is supported by a good understanding of the issues at hand.

Hillary regularly attends SANEA meetings and is known for her pithy and insightful questions. She does not skirt the difficult issues but her questions are always fair and relevant to the material presented by the speaker.

Hillary delivered an important address at the SANEA "Action for Energy" event in 2009. She appealed for the media and the energy industry

to respect each other and to work together to ensure that better information flowed to those who needed it. She pointed out that it is the role of the media to question and interrogate but that they also have an obligation to report accurately.

Conversely, industry has an obligation to be honest about its successes and failures and to communicate the facts of the matter timeously and in a manner that can be understood by the public. Hillary's address at the opening of the SANEA event set the tone for the robust and positive dialogue of the following two days.

Those who have read Hillary's work will know that she strives to live up to her ideals. Recently Hillary received an award from Siemens for the best piece of Energy Journalism on the African Continent for 2009.