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“SANEA Chair Prominent in Global Energy Issues”

The 21st World Energy Congress, held in Montreal, Canada from 13 to 16 September 2010 attracted some 8 000 delegates from almost 150 countries around the world. This was a record Congress said Brian A Statham, Chairman of the South African National Energy Association (SANEA).

In addition to his role as Chairman of SANEA, Statham is now also the Chair of Studies for the World Energy Council (WEC) for the next 3 years, an Officer of the Council and a Member of its Finance Committee. SANEA is the South African Member Committee of the WEC.

“The Montreal meeting was characterised by earnest and pragmatic dialogue on the challenges facing the energy industry. Delegates clearly felt a need to place the challenges of the recent global financial crisis in perspective and to move forward to provide the energy necessary for the social and economic development of all nations,” he said.

“By and large the discussion concentrated on pragmatic measures to finance energy projects and to ensuring that the technology choices are appropriate to the need,” said Statham.

Talking about his new role as Chair of WEC Studies, Statham said that WEC would be addressing a number of “Themes” over the next few years:

- Energy and Mobility
- Energy efficiency
- Innovative Financing Mechanisms
- Green Goods and Services
- Border Tax Adjustments
- Village Inventory for Energy Access

These themes will be addressed within the WEC framework of “Activity Areas”

- Surveying Energy Resources and Technologies
- Assessing Energy and Climate Policies
- Exploring Scenarios of Possible Global Energy Futures
- Shaping Global Energy Frameworks
- Promoting Energy and Urban Innovation
- Improving Energy Access

Persons interested in volunteering to work on these studies should contact SANEA as

study groups will be constituted before the end of this year. The SANEA website is: www.sanea.org.za.

WEC is the foremost global multi-energy organisation in the world today. WEC has Member Committees in over 90 countries, including most of the largest energy-producing and energy consuming countries.

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