

Roy Bermeister
Chief Executive Officer
Nanotec



Nanotec SA is a company researching and promoting community safe renewable energy parks under subsidiary Power Parks. Power Parks combines hybrid technologies to harvest the maximum sustainable energy from any given area. Roy has also been involved in diamond exploration with the late Hugh Jenner Clark. Besides mineral prospecting, Roy has had experience on the board of several commercial entities ranging from chemical production to instrument making.

Kaashifah Beukes
Chief Executive Officer
Saldanha Bay
Industrial
Development Zone



Kaashifah is responsible and accountable to the Board of Directors for the management of the SBIDZ and delivery of its mandate and operational strategy. She has almost a decade of experience in design, construction, and project management of civil engineering infrastructure projects. She has considerable experience in successfully leading people and teams through issues of complexity and risk, and is passionate about making a sustainable, transformative impact, especially at the community level.

Nandu D Bhula
CEO Redstone CSP
ACWA Power



Nandu has extensive technical and business leadership experience in the areas of engineering, operations, maintenance, production, power project development, construction, energy planning and power system management. His passion for the Energy sector began in the Hydro industry and then continued in leadership roles in Pumped Storage, Gas Turbines, Wind Turbines and Fossil Plant technologies. Nandu was previously employed by Eskom before moving into the exciting landscape of Independent Power Producers with ACWA Power.

Andre de Ruyter
Group Chief Executive
Eskom Holdings



With a career spanning over 30 years, Andre has amassed a wealth of experience both locally and internationally in various portfolios in the energy space. He has significant experience in managing coal, oil, chemical and gas businesses, including marketing of export coal to international utilities and taking responsibility for the operations of very large coal and gas conversion plants, including electricity generation. His experience and expertise cuts across a range of disciplines, including but not limited to strategic leadership, commodities, sales, manufacturing, and production, economic, finance and corporate structuring, legal and regulation, people management and socio-economic development, corporate knowledge, governance and risk management, and knowledge of global markets and business operations.

Clinton Carter Brown
Head: Energy
Research Centre
Council for Scientific
and Industrial
Research (CSIR)



Dr Carter-Brown has held senior leadership roles in the energy domain in the public and private sectors. He spent 18 years in Eskom, after which he joined the engineering consulting firm Aurecon and currently the CSIR, where he has steered the CSIR energy research agenda. Clinton provides specialist technical support and project, program and organizational management services in the areas of energy systems, energy modelling, utility asset management, power system simulation, electrical grid planning and design, power generation procurement and grid integration.

Rosalind Dos Santos
Group Energy
Manager: Mpact Ltd
Future Energy Leader:
World Energy Council
Director: SANEA



Mpact, is one of the leading paper and plastics packaging manufacturing businesses in Southern Africa as well as the leading recycler of recovered paper and plastic. Rosalind's area of expertise is sustainability; she works mainly in energy, carbon, and climate change, although she has diverse experience in her career of over 12 years. She has held various roles in her career in South Africa, including Head of Group Real Estate Services Sustainability for Liberty Holdings as well as account management on an international donor funded energy efficiency programme, senior consultant for power and infrastructure solutions, technical expertise for a South Africa bank's carbon trading team and carbon project development.

Bertha Dlamini
President
African Women in
Energy and Power
(AWEAP)



Bertha is an advocate for accelerated participation of African Women and Youth in Africa's Power and Energy sector. She is the founding President of AWEAP which has 11 chapters in Africa. AWEAP won the WVL SADC Protocol@Work Climate Change 2021 Award, in recognition of its outstanding contribution in the promotion of gender equity in the Energy and Power Sector. Bertha is an Executive Member of the BRICS Businesswomen Alliance South Africa Chapter, where she is responsible for the Energy Security Portfolio and is also an Advisory Board Member at UNISA Graduate School of Leadership.

Marista Fey
Senior Vice President
Strategy and Planning
Sasol Energy



Marista is entrusted with the fundamental rethink of Sasol Energy Business's strategy given the existential risk the company faces due to its carbon intensive nature and the inescapable trend of a world fighting climate change. Marista is passionate about unlocking the potential of the business, its value chains, and its people. Known as a transformational leader Marista is playing a crucial role in the large-scale transformation of Sasol Energy post the business restructuring of 2020.

Bianca Jordan
Community
Development
Manager
Dorper Wind Farm



Bianca has been working in the renewable energy sector focusing on socio-economic development (SED), enterprise development (EnD) and community trusts for the past seven years. Bianca is humbled and challenged by her work – rolling out these community projects in communities in renewable energy communities. She believes that renewable energy is such an opportunity for our country: as we get to touch and change lives in some of the most remote and rural areas of our country in a sustainable manner.

Khalid Latiff
General Manager
Corporate Strategy
and Communications
Engen



Khalid's expertise in business planning and strategy spans over two decades – crafting midterm strategies and long terms aspirations for the company. He was previously Regional Business Head, Asia Pacific for PETRONAS Lubricants International (PLI) and prior that, was Managing Director of Viscosity Oil Company, USA. He also served as the Head of Group Strategic Planning, Mergers and Acquisitions for PLI as well as working in Special Projects, Downstream Business, PETRONAS.

Kiren Maharaj
Managing Director
GIBB Power
SANEA Chairperson



Kiren is a dynamic leader with almost 20 years' experience at strategic, operational and management levels. Operating as an executive in Africa's foremost utility, Kiren was involved in many game changing initiatives – from setting up an energy trading and bidding system to allow for internal power pool trading, to leading a companywide cost re-engineering project to identify cost savings, productivity, and efficiency improvements in a multi-billion-dollar company. She has served as Divisional Executive of Eskom and serves as an executive and non-executive for several South African companies.

Minister Gwede Mantashe
Department of Mineral and Energy Resources



Following the 6th democratic elections, and with the expansion of the Ministry to include Energy, Mr Gwede Mantashe was appointed Minister of Mineral and Energy Resources in May 2019 and was appointed Minister of Mineral Resources in February 2018.

Elizabeth Marabwa
Chief Director:
Programmes and
Projects Management
Office
Department of
Minerals and
Resources Energy
SANEA Board Member



Elizabeth has spent most of her career in government but had exposure to consulting and academia as a lecturer at WITS University. For the last 15 years she has been involved in energy from a regulatory and policy point of view and covered liquid fuels, gas and electricity. Elizabeth has significant exposure to the international energy arena, and has worked with the IEA, UN, CEM, SADC, other governments in Africa and world-wide, as well as funders and financial institutions. She has been a reviewer of the World Energy Outlook published by the International Energy Agency and has provided expert advice, commented on, and chaired sessions on the Africa Energy Outlook – a first IEA Special Publication on Africa.

Fanele Mondli
Chief Executive Officer
Energy Intensive
Users Group Southern
Africa (EIUG)



Fanele has vast experience in various management positions in production, information management, engineering, energy efficiency, measurements & verification, business performance assurance, internal audit, compliance as well as leading projects and programs. He has gained valuable skills of leading and managing people, finances, contracts, operations, strategy, executing projects, change and stakeholder management.

Mpho Mookapele
Chief Executive Officer
EWSETA



Mpho is a Chartered Accountant with over 14 years of experience in the Private and Public Sector in the Finance, Strategy Development and Regulatory Environment and Skills Development. She is passionate about life and her purpose is to live life to the fullest by serving her purpose. Her passion for the development of the country, and its young people, has served as the driving force for her dedication to the public sector. This dedication extends beyond the boardroom, and she is involved in several initiatives aimed at capacitating women at different stages in life. Through her career, she has served in different spheres of the South African Government, the Private Sector and in the United Kingdom.

Jarredine Morris
Energy &
Environmental Policy
Manager
Business Unity South
Africa (BUSA)



Jarredine's expertise is in energy and climate change policy, built over more than a decade working with and representing South African business. In her current role, Jarredine is responsible for ensuring the development of enabling and sustainable policy on energy (including planning, supply, and pricing), climate change, air quality, water, waste, and others. She is also responsible for engaging on policy and other matters relating to the just transition towards an ecologically sustainable economy and society.

Tumi Mphahlele
Project Director:
Amperion Energy
Chief Operations
Officer: IG3N Energy
Storage
Board Member:
SANEA



Tumi is a seasoned executive, highly experienced in the execution of complex projects and programmes. She served as GM for Corporate Strategy at the South African Bureau of Standards and at the Development Bank of Southern Africa. Tumi was also an Independent Non-executive Director on the TMT Services and Supplies board and a board member on the South African Photo Voltaic Industry Association. She is currently a board member at SANEA.

Knox Msebenzi
Managing Director
Nuclear Industry
Association of South
Africa (NIASA)



Knox is an electrical power engineer by formal training. He has worked in many industries ranging from academic, power generation, brewing, defense and nuclear.

Xolile Msimanga
Senior Researcher
(Energy Industries)
CSIR
SANEA Board Member



Since joining the CSIR, Xolile has worked on research projects in the Just Energy Transition domain. She has several years of experience in energy related research, modelling and analysis on the African continent. She was formerly part of McKinsey & Company Africa's Research and Insights Team for several years, where she was affiliated with their global Energy, Power and Natural Gas Practice.

Vumile Msweli
Businesswoman,
motivational speaker,
and women of
excellence



Vumile has previously worked for reputable multi-national institutions such as Barclays, Investec, Nedbank, First National Bank and Vodafone. Vumile is an Operations, Finance and Strategy executive in both the telecommunications and finance sectors. She has successfully led global teams in several African and European countries. Vumile was most recently the Client Services Partner for Africa and the Middle East at Vodafone where she oversaw Service Strategy and Operations for Corporate Clients globally. She is currently the Chief Executive officer for Hesed Consulting which a consulting firm specializing in the African market. She serves as a non-executive director at the South African Association for Youth Clubs (SAAYC); Diabetes South Africa.

Greg Nichollas
Manager: Project
Development
Lesedi Nuclear
Services



Greg initiates and develops infrastructure projects to bankability and financial close – in the power generation and oil & gas sectors. Projects include all types of renewable power projects (biomass, waste to energy, solar PV), gas and hydrocarbon power generation and midstream oil & gas infrastructure development projects. Greg spearheads Lesedi's entry and growth in the oil & gas sector and is also currently involved with several larger mid-stream projects.

**Adjunct Professor
Lwazi Ngubevana**
Director: African
Energy Leadership
Centre
Wits Business School



Lwazi is a chemical engineer, energy executive and academic with extensive global experience in renewable energy, investments, advisory, and water desalination industries. He has extensive Process Design, Business Development, Project Development, Project Finance and Project Management experience. Lwazi also has solid experience in policy and legislation, having worked with various government entities on Renewable Energy, Water and Environmental Policy development and implementation.

Dr Crispian Olver
Executive Director
Presidential Climate
Commission



Dr Crispian Olver is a well-known author and social activist. He leads the Presidential Climate Commission (PCC) which is a multi-stakeholder body established by the President of the Republic of South Africa to advise on the country's climate change response and pathways to a low-carbon climate-resilient economy and society. Dr Olver is a public policy and management expert with extensive experience at senior management level in local government, environment, and development issues. He is a medical doctor by training and was a leader and activist in the anti-apartheid struggles during the 1980's and 1990's and is well known for his books, 'How to Steal a City' and 'A House Divided'.

Shane Pereira
Business Development
Executive
Lesedi Nuclear
Services



Shane serves on the Lesedi Executive Committee and is also a director of the Lesedi Skills Academy and a director of Lesedi Renewables Africa. As part of his broader portfolio, he is also responsible for Localisation and Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment at his organisation. During his career, Shane has travelled extensively throughout Europe, America and Africa which has provided him with exposure to many different business situations requiring various commercial and broad business approaches.

Dr Ishmael Poolo
Chief Executive Officer
CEF Group of
Companies



Dr Poolo previously served as the CEO of the Centlec, the electricity distribution utility in Mangaung and was a director for services and infrastructure at the City of Cape Town. Dr Poolo held several positions at Eskom including that of Regional Integration Manager, National Electrification Planning Manager as well as Contract and Services Manager at the Eskom's Hendrina Power Station. With this rich 20 years' experience in the energy sector, Dr Poolo is tasked with restoring financial sustainability of the CEF Group including the establishment of the South African National Petroleum Company.

Wendy Poulton
Founder - Strategic
Mindsets
SANEA Secretary
General & Risk Report
Convenor



Wendy's main area of technical expertise is in the energy field where she has worked for more than 30 years. She has a unique set of skills that combine, strategy, sustainability, risk and coaching. She has in depth experience in developing strategy that integrates sustainability issues and addresses risk, both positive and negative. Wendy has for much of her career worked in the R&D space and is passionate about developing and testing new approaches.

Sashay Ramdharee
National Lead Project
Manager
The Industrial Energy
Efficiency Project
UNIDO



The Industrial Energy Efficiency Project recently won the highest international accolade for an energy programme – the International Energy Project of the Year 2020, awarded by the global Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), in recognition of its efforts to transform the energy use patterns in South African industry and mainstream energy management systems across economic sectors. Sashay is passionate in driving projects and leading cross-functional teams to consistently meet key program deliverables. He has a wealth of technical energy consulting experience in energy system optimization, energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Sashay is a prominent member of several associations and is an accomplished energy conferences speaker and author.

Prashaen Reddy
Partner - Kearney
SANEA Board Member



From an early career in computer science at an oil and gas company, Prashaen discovered a love for the energy sector—especially in South Africa, which is experiencing an energy crisis. Now, he's working on high-profile projects such as creating a new energy company in South Africa and participating in industrial landscaping on the African continent. Prashaen is fascinated by the energy sector's complexity, and he's thrilled to be on the cusp of transitioning from traditional oil and gas to cleaner, renewable energy sources.

Midesh Sing
GM of Supply, Trading
and Optimisation
Astron Energy



Midesh is responsible for the supply of hydrocarbons, trading Astron Energy long and short positions, and optimizing the value creation in the hydrocarbon value chain. Midesh has previously worked as a Senior Management Consultant at Kearney. He has also worked as MD of SHIMKO. Prior to this, Midesh had spent 20 years at BP where he held several senior positions internationally, with his last role as the Refining and Supply Manager in South Africa.

Frank Spencer
Head of Deployments
Bushveld Energy



Bushveld Energy is a vertically integrated Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB) company. Frank is a well know Renewable Energy personality in the Southern African Renewable Energy Space. He is passionate about addressing the multi-faceted challenges of Climate Change, Rural Electrification and Poverty in Africa. He is active across all aspects of Renewables projects, from manufacturing to project EPC, to finance and business development.

Dave Thomas
Founder and Technical
Director
PinkH2



Dave has wide experience in various technical fields. He has designed and built an alternate fuel system for a test vehicle, several prototype electrolyzers and has a patent on electronic electrolyser control. One of his prototypes was utilized in the proof-of-concept testing of the breakthrough Resonant Control Electrolyser. Dave developed the IP for the synthetic Power to Liquid technology which is the basis for carbon neutral jet fuel. Recently he has undertaken three years extensive research into discoveries in molecular biology, the torsion field and structured water/liquids, and how these are linked to the reduction of the oxygen-hydrogen co-valent bond strength within the water molecule, as well as other altered properties of structured liquids which can benefit mankind and the planet.

Avhaphani Tshifularo
Executive Director
South African
Petroleum Industry
Association (SAPIA)



Avhaphani is responsible for the day-to-day leadership and effective management of SAPIA. SAPIA represents the collective interests of the South African petroleum industry. The association plays a strategic role in addressing a range of common issues relating to the refining, distribution, and marketing of petroleum products, as well as promoting the industry's environmental and socio-economic progress. He serves on EXCO of the South African National Committee of the World Petroleum Council, Steering Committee of the African Energy Leadership Centre, and the Energy Sector Gender Ministerial Advisory Council.

Fatima Vawda
Managing Director
27four Investment
Managers



Fatima has over two decades of experience as a practitioner in the South African and international capital markets. She has significant experience in servicing some of the largest retirement funds in South Africa, as well as an in-depth understanding of the functioning of the South African capital markets and regulatory framework. Prior to joining the corporate sector, Fatima spent two years as a lecturer in applied mathematics at the University of the Witwatersrand. She is a Director of the Association of Savings and Investments South Africa and Chairperson of the Reporting Working Committee of the Financial Sector Transformation Council.

Kay Walsh

Managing Director
NOVA Economics



Kay Walsh is a specialist economic and strategy consultancy. Prior to founding Nova Economics, she led the economics advisory team within the strategy practice at Deloitte Consulting South Africa. Kay has over 15 years' experience working as an economist in the consulting and investment banking industries. She has focused on the analysis of economic policy and regulation, market analysis, corporate strategy development, cost-benefit analysis, and econometric modelling. Kay consults to clients across of a range of industries but has particularly strong experience in the energy and financial service sectors.

Dave Wright

Energy Consultant
SANEA Board Member



Dave's focuses on energy matters with oil and gas as a particular interest. Previously he was employed by Engen at a senior executive level. Dave has lectured at the University of KZN was appointed as Adjunct Professor in the Chemical Engineering Department at UCT. With his exposure to energy matters in a broad sense through his active membership of SANEA since 2010, Dave is well placed to provide input and opinion about the South African energy landscape. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Africa Energy Indaba, was appointed as the SA representative and Vice Chair of IChemE (UK) Energy Centre board as well as being elected to serve on the SA Institution of Chemical Engineers council.

Joanne Yawitch

Chief Executive Officer
National Business
Initiative (NBI)



Joanne previously served as Deputy Director General for Climate Change in the Department of Environmental Affairs where she was responsible for Environmental Quality and Protection, as well as for the Department's Climate Change work. She also worked for the Gauteng Department of Environment from and prior to that, was Special Adviser to the then Minister of Land Affairs. Joanne is currently the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of South African National Parks and is a Director of the National Research Foundation. Her expertise lies within business and sustainability, business, and government collaboration; and climate change.