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Addressing Africa's power challenges – POWER-GEN Africa and DistribuTECH Africa set for 2014 event

Top power industry players and government officials from across Africa and abroad are set to converge in Cape Town from 17 – 19 March 2014, for the second POWER-GEN Africa and inaugural DistribuTECH Africa exhibition and conference.

Presented by PennWell International, POWER-GEN Africa 2014 and DistribuTECH Africa feature the best of the international POWER-GEN and DistribuTECH events, combined with an in-depth focus on Africa's unique challenges and opportunities.

Key developments changing the face of the power sector in sub-Saharan Africa are ongoing challenges with stability and growing demand; US President Barack Obama's new \$7 billion Power Africa initiative; and new solutions making larger scale renewable energy generation a more attractive option for utilities, says PennWell. In addition, new smart metering and grid management present a range of potential benefits for African utilities grappling with the need to expand their grids on restricted budgets.

Aiming to address the challenges and analyse the trends, high-level panels and expert speakers will examine power policies, strategies and technologies in dedicated tracks. Among the topics to be addressed during POWER-GEN Africa will be emissions control, renewable energy policy and finance, gas turbines and combined cycle, a wind powered Africa, harnessing Africa's hydropower potential, and bioenergies and waste to energy.

The DistribuTECH conference will include sessions covering smart grid development and communication, smart metering, data intelligence, substation automation and smart grid cyber security.

Over 100 exhibitors are set to participate in the events.

For more information or to book a seat, go to <http://www.powergenafrika.com/index.html> or <http://www.distributechafrika.com/index.html>

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