

Harnessing Digital Technology For Energy Efficiency

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The National Energy Act, 2008 (Act No. 34 of 2008), Section 7 (2) gave effect to SANEDI's existence and provides for its primary mandate and specific responsibilities.

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- Undertake measures to promote energy efficiency throughout the economy
- **8 6**-8 To promote energy research and technology innovation
 - To direct, monitor and conduct energy research and development

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PROGRAMME INTRODUCTION



THE BALANCING ACT

Digitalisation – Increasing interaction and convergence between the digital (electronic technologies) and physical world (business & people)

Three fundamentals



Data digital information



Analytics for information and insights



Connectivity exchange data through digital comms network





Reducing emissions by 2050 through six technological avenues

IRENA

Our Planet → **Society** → **Economy** = **Energy Ability to do work**

Digitalisation of our Energy Systems

Connected Intelligent Efficient Reliable Sustainable

Our energy systems must transition to cleaner and more sustainable sources of energy

THE GREATEST TRANSFORMATION POTENTIAL – ELECTRICITY SECTOR



Big Data Management and Security Artificial Intelligence Seniors and Smart Meters Robotics Cloud Computing

As we transition from fossil fuels to support generation, transmission and the distribution of electricity, the opportunities to leverage digitalisation as a catalyst for change would increase exponentially

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR LIKEMINDS....

- We need to build the right expertise and skills for the future of our continent and energy systems. Adequate educational policies and technical training to ensure we have a constant pool of relevant competencies with both private and public institutions.
- Access to data for energy statistics is crucial, sharing and protecting data within your domain between all parties across the value chain.
- We must focus on overall system benefits, thinking beyond the component or individual level, but rather in terms of security sustainability and affordability of the system as a whole.
- **Develop flexible policies** that account for the lifespan of both energy infrastructure and ICT hardware, software and applications.
- We must **provide a level playing field for all** technologies, systems, applications, brands, etc., be technologyneutral, platform-neutral, race-neutral and always think of the bigger picture.
- We must **learn**, **experiment**, **participate**, **partner** and **collaborate** on all fronts, Africa cannot remain a **continent of consumers**, we must start manufacturing and innovating digital technologies for the rest of the world.



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