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SANEA WELCOMES A NEW CHAIR!

The South African National Energy Association (SANEA) today announced the appointment of their new Chairperson. **Kiren Maharaj** will take over the reigns from **Brian Statham** after his tenure as Secretary-General of SANEA from 2000 to 2006 and as Executive Chairman from March 2007 – 2019.

Kiren is a dynamic leader with more than 20 years' experience at strategic, operational and management levels. Operating as an executive in Africa's foremost utility, Kiren has been involved in many game changing initiatives across multiple technical and economic functions of the energy value chain. She was appointed Managing Director of Gibb Power (a local professional services company) and EDF (an international power company originating from France) in February 2019. She has been a Director of SANEA since 2017.

Brian has some 40 years of experience in energy and has been involved in construction (coal, hydro and nuclear), operations, research, production planning, investment planning, project development (coal, hydro, LNG, natural gas, nuclear) and strategic planning, predominantly in the area of power generation.

Since 1999 Brian was also actively involved in the work of the South African National Energy Association [SANEA] and the World Energy Council (WEC). He served as Secretary General of SANEA from 2000 to 2006 and as Executive Chairman from March 2007 until March 2019. In recognition Brian was awarded Honorary Life Membership in 2019.

Brian served two terms as an Officer (Trustee) of the World Energy Council, Chairman of its Studies Committee and a member of its Communications, Finance, Programme and Remuneration Committees from 2010 – 2016. At the 2016 Executive Assembly Brian was elected as an Honorary Officer of the World Energy Council.

He has served on a number of governmental task forces and committees dealing with energy matters, including a two-year term as a member of the Ministerial Advisory Council on Energy from February 2015.

Wendy Poulton was appointed Secretary General of SANEA. She is currently the General Manager Organisational Strategy at Eskom and her main area of technical expertise is in the energy field where she has worked for more than 25 years. Wendy has held various roles in Eskom in R&D, environment, sustainable development, climate change, safety and strategy and risk.

SANEA's vision of "*Thinking Energy*" is exercised through the active participation of some 400 SANEA members and approximately 5 000 stakeholders and representatives in the broad Energy and Business Sectors in South Africa.

SANEA is the South African Member Committee of the World Energy Council. The World Energy Council is the foremost global multi-energy organisation in the world today. The Council has member committees in nearly 100 countries, including most of the largest energy-producing and energy consuming nations.

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Kiren Maharaj

Managing Director of Gibb Power

Chairperson of the South African National Energy Association (SANEA)

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Kiren has lead the strategy and operations for a group of 5 coal-fired power stations. As head of a R5bn division, Kiren managed the procurement and logistics of primary energy inputs for power generation and the associated quality, technical, geological, safety and environmental issues. Kiren has served as a divisional executive of Eskom Holdings SOC Limited, as well as a non-executive director of two engineering and civil companies.

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Brian Statham

Brian Statham and Associates

Past Chairperson of the South African National Energy Association (SANEA)

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In 2014, Brian founded Brian Statham and Associates and under this banner he executes ad hoc consulting assignments with a focus on strategic business management. He has clients in the Energy, Legal, Marketing, Human Resources and Media sectors.



Wendy Poulton

Eskom Holdings SOC Limited

Secretary General of the South African National Energy Association (SANEA)

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Wendy is a director of the South African National Energy Association. Wendy holds an MSc from the University of Pretoria, has completed the Management Advancement Programme at the University of the Witwatersrand Business School and the Global Executive Development Programme at the Gordon Institute of Business Science, University of Pretoria. In addition, she has a Diploma in Strategy and Innovation from Oxford University Said Business School in the United Kingdom.