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Ministry of Energy partners with electricity industry forum

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AFRICAN Utility Week and POWERGEN Africa have announced a four-year partnership with the Ministry of Energy.

Energy Minister Jeff Radebe will head a line-up of expert speakers and will deliver the opening ministerial address at the event, which takes place on May 14-16 in Cape Town.

"Since his appointment, Minister Radebe has shown visionary and passionate leadership in terms of energy security, something that resonates greatly with our African power community, and we look forward to welcoming him back to the event to hear his message," said African Utility Week and POWERGEN Africa event director Evan Schiff.

"The potential of renewable energy sources such as solar, storage solutions

and mini-grid generation projects are just some of the exciting focus areas at this year's African Utility Week and POWERGEN Africa, and we expect more than 10 000 energy and water professionals from across Africa and the world to gather in the Mother City. Renewing our previous successful four-year partnership with the Energy Ministry allows us to further entrench South Africa's leading role on the continent and within the international power community."

The Department of Energy said: "African Utility Week and POWERGEN Africa never disappoints, with compelling content, inspiring speakers and the latest technology offerings, and we're looking forward to another fruitful four-year partnership and taking valuable strides in our vision for a sustainable approach to South Africa's energy deficit."