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Energy

The energy sector in South Africa occupies a highly contested space. Active efforts are required to provide a level playing field for all energy technologies and to enhance the transformation of electricity supply in the country. This entails adjusting the country's energy procurement approach – fully incorporating the low-carbon transition in electricity planning, creating openings for the development of embedded generationⁱ, and phasing out fossil fuel subsidies. On 22 November 2016, following approval by Cabinet, former Minister of Energy, Tina Joemat-Pettersson, released draft documentation relating to a new Integrated Energy Plan (IEP) and Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The IEP addresses the future energy landscape in general, whereas the IRP focuses specifically on electricity. Below are links to some recent observations and developments in South Africa's energy sector.

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- <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2017-02-26-groundup-russian-nuclear-deal-places-massive-liability-on-south-africans/#.WOzFCf97IU>
- <http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/renewables-contracts-will-not-be-signed-on-april-11-2017-04-10>
- <http://www.enca.com/south-africa/anc-to-rethink-nuclear-deal>
- <http://cer.org.za/news/prepare-for-battle-sas-draft-energy-plans-must-respect-and-realise-constitutional-rights>
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- <http://www.fin24.com/Opinion/sas-ipp-programme-a-badge-of-excellence-20170409>
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ⁱ Embedded generation, also known as on-site or distributed generation, refers to the generation of electricity in diverse locations and by different means – solar, wind, hydro, gas turbines – which is then fed into the main grid.