

# Electricity Governance Initiative – South Africa

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# EGI-SA

## Electricity Governance Initiative of South Africa

**EGI-SA** is a collaborative **partnership between a number of civil society organisations**, which draws on the global expertise and experience of the **international EGI** project, and is also more informally associated with other civil society organisations.

**The aim of EGI-SA is to build a roadmap towards a positive electricity future for South Africa, by:**

- **Producing expert analyses and research** to inform decision-making processes,
- **Building the capacity of civil society** to engage in these processes,
- **Advocating for transparent, inclusive governance** that results in legitimate decisions that uphold public interests.

## The current EGI-SA partners are:

- Project 90 by 2030
- Green Connection
- Gender CC – women for climate justice
- 350.org South Africa
- SAFCEI (Southern African Faith Communities' Environmental Institute)
- SEA (Sustainable Energy Africa)
- WWF-SA

## Project 90 by 2030



### **Purpose:**

To challenge South Africans to change the way they live and the way that they relate to the environment.

### **Activities:**

- Initiate and support goal-oriented & vibrant carbon footprint reduction clubs at 30 schools nationally .
- Conduct ongoing extensive research on carbon footprint reduction options.
- Produce materials and provide advice on carbon reduction - strategy, policies, energy & water carbon footprint reduction workshops.
- Act as implementing agent for clean energy and energy efficiency demonstration sites.
- Prepare substantive inputs on policies related to energy and carbon footprint reduction.

## Green Connection



### **Purpose:**

Empowering people to participate in their environment to make sustainable development a reality.

### **Activities:**

- Energy governance research
- Legislative and policy analyses
- Advocacy and lobbying
- Capacity building programmes, including democracy, energy governance, responsible fisheries, climate resilience and other sustainability issues
- Materials development

## Gender CC - women for climate justice



### **Purpose:**

To integrate gender justice in climate change policy at local, national and international levels.

### **Activities:**

- Raising awareness and building capacity relating to gender and climate issues among decision-makers to achieve improved policies, and among women (and men) in order to increase pressure on policy-makers for effective mitigation and adaptation;
- Increasing the global knowledge base on gender and climate issues through research, action learning and frequent knowledge exchange to identify a growing host of options for most effective mitigation and adaptation;
- Developing more effective climate protection and adaptation through empowering women and men to make maximum, active contributions to mitigation and adaptation measures, while denouncing the disproportionately negative impacts imposed on women by false solutions;
- Raising awareness and capacity building on gender and climate change issues among youth and children;
- Bridging the gap between local action and decision making by bringing local experiences (particularly grassroots women) to the decision making levels through advocacy and lobbying;
- Enhancing collaboration and cooperation on gender and climate issues at local, national, regional and international levels.

## 350.org - South Africa



### **Purpose:**

To build and support a global movement to solve the climate crisis.

### **Activities:**

- Developing strategic online campaigns and coordinating mass public actions
- Mobilising, empowering and supporting grassroots organisers
- Conducting capacity building workshops and trainings for trainers
- Collaborating with partners in South Africa on strategic national interventions and campaigns

## **SAFCEI** **- Southern African Faith** **Communities** **Environmental Institute**



### **Purpose:**

To support the faith communities in fulfilling their environmental and socio-economic responsibility.

### **Activities:**

- Raising environmental awareness.
- Engaging in formulating policy & ethical guidelines within our faith communities.
- Facilitating environmental responsibility & action.
- Confronting environmental & socio-economic injustices.
- Supporting environmental training and learning.

**SEA**  
**- Sustainable Energy Africa**



**Purpose:**

Promotes the development of a low carbon clean energy economy throughout Southern Africa.

**Activities:**

- Research, capacity building and project implementation for:
  - Sustainable energy
  - Integrated urban planning
  - Green development
  - Sustainable transport
  - Climate change
- Supporting local government and provincial government to understand sustainable energy issues, to develop strategies, policies and planning which facilitate a move towards sustainable development and to assist and support in their implementation.

**WWF-SA**



**Purpose:**

Conserving biodiversity and reducing humanity's impact on nature.

**Activities:**

- Conserve biodiversity and ensure ecosystems services are appropriately valued and integrated into sustainable development;
- Play a leading role among developing countries in addressing the risks and opportunities associated with climate change;
- Improve the livelihoods of communities who are most directly dependent on natural resources through better environmental practices;
- Inform South African consumers to influence appropriate environmental practice from the private and public sectors;
- Instil a culture of environmental responsibility in business and industry (including agriculture, fishing and mining);
- Advocate for government policies incorporating sound environmental principles that promote, maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecological services.