



National Biogas Platform Feedback

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Component 1: Renewable Energy

Objective: The conditions and processes for the implementation of investments in RE have improved

Sub-Component 1.1: Support to REIPPPP including grid and system integration of RE

Sub-Component 1.2: Market development for PV rooftop systems

Sub-Component 1.3: Market development for biogas projects

Component 2: Energy Efficiency

Objective: The conditions and processes for the implementation of investments in EE have improved

Sub-Component 2.1: Energy efficiency in municipalities under the Municipal Energy Efficiency Programme (MEEP)

Sub-Component 2.2: EE street lighting in municipalities based on of SECO co-financing

Sub-Component 2.3: Support to the National Solar Water Heating Programme (NSWHP)



Background information on the platform

- Proposed by DoE and SABIA during meetings with GIZ
- Officially discussed during the first South African National Biogas Conference (30-31st of October 2013)
- GIZ-SAGEN as facilitator of the platform not a driver
- Assistance provided by GIZ-SAGEN:
 - Coordination, facilitation and documentation of the regular meetings
 - Tracking of the progress in the main work streams



Aim of the platform

- To facilitate the **engagement of all related stakeholders** on the biogas topics
- To promote the **biogas industry development**
- To address the **lessons learnt** from the existing projects
- To assess **current and future regulatory requirements** in order to make regulations conducive for the development of the industry
- To reveal and bundle the existing **financing options** for biogas projects in order to lift up the industry

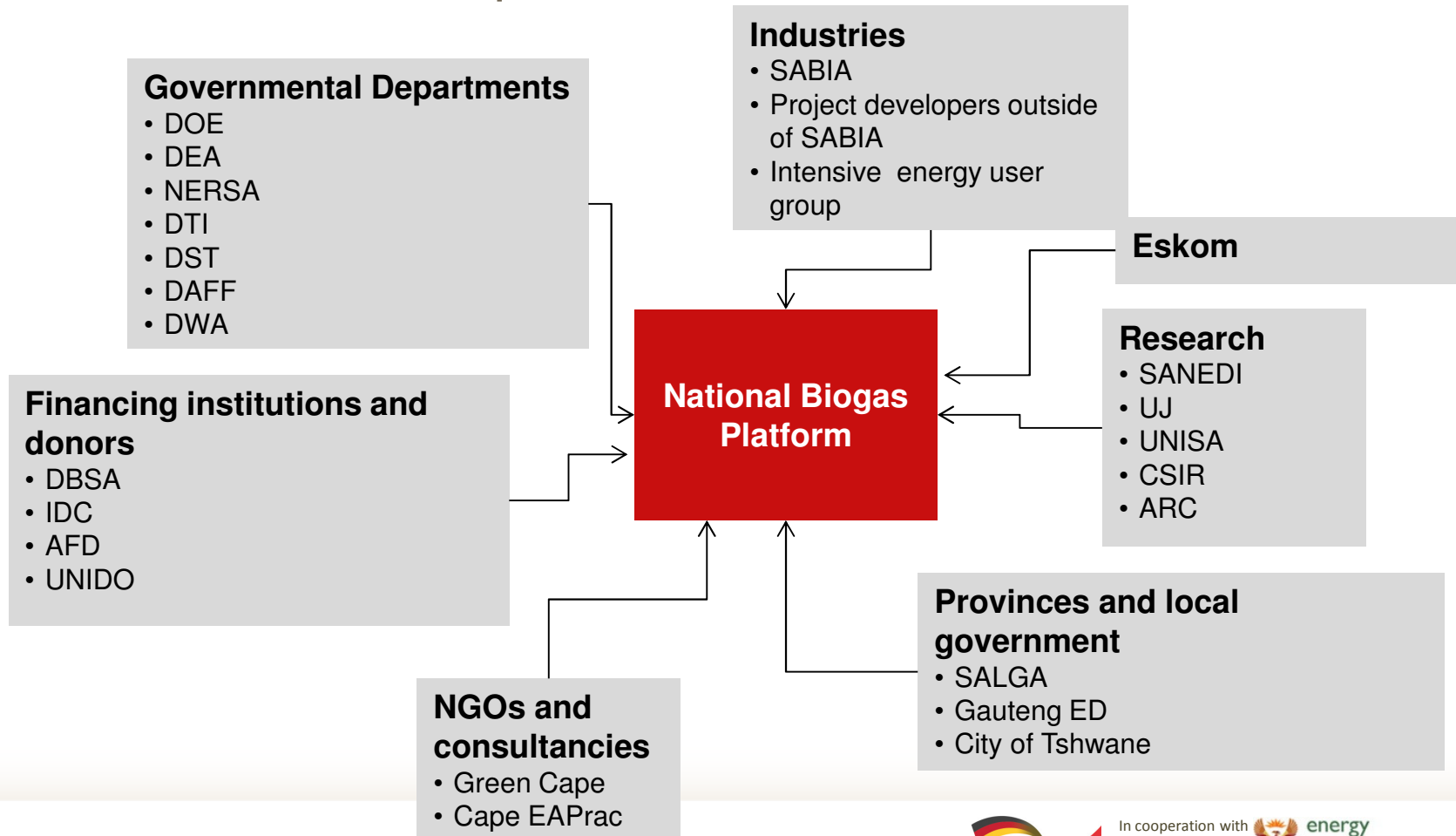


Status up to date

- **9 successful** bi-monthly platform meetings were conducted
- **90 persons** from 35 different institutions attended
- **25 presentations** were given so far by:
 - Project developers
 - Donors
 - Research
 - Financiers



Members of the platform





National Biogas Platform Milestones

Identification of the barriers and working fields through interactions with the project developers, research, financing institutions



Creation of the working groups based on the needs

	Information Gathering	Financing	Licensing
Aim	To bundle the information about the existing projects and studies	To create an overview on all available project financing options at the different stage of development	To create an overview on all required licenses for different types of projects, to identify the bottlenecks and propose a streamlining
Contributors	SABIA, Green Cape, Universities	IDC, SALGA, SANEDI, CSIR, DTI, AFD	SABIA, Green Cape, Cape EAPrac, DEA, DAFF, DWA, ARC, NERSA, provinces



What is next?

New working areas identified

- Biogas information hub
- Biogas resource assessment
- Biogas policy framework
- Biogas technology parameters and standards
- R&D and skills development
- Socio-economic benefits and rural electrification
- Publicity for biogas at SAIREC



Food for thought: Strengths and challenges

Strengths

- Presence of various stakeholders
- Very well attended platform
- Very fruitful discussions and exchange

Challenges

- Production of tangible results
- Capacity of covering various topics
- Ownership

How to keep an interest for different stakeholders?



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Next platform meeting

- 8th of April 2015, 10h00-12h30 at GIZ, Hatfield, Pretoria



Thank you!

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