

Chamber and Association Partnership (KVP) South Africa

Strengthening the Renewable Energy Sector for Sustainable Economic Transformation

THE PROJECT

Duration: 01 June 2025 – 30 June 2027 (25 months)

The Chamber and Association Partnership in South Africa (KVP ZAF) aims to strengthen the capacities of South African renewable energy (RE) sector associations to effectively represent their member companies and advocate for renewable energy in line with local priorities and knowledge.

The project contributes to a Just Energy Transition, supporting associations to actively shape the renewable energy landscape and promote sustainable growth within their sectors.

The focus of the partnership lies on two result areas:

- Strengthening Internal Capacities and Services (Result 1): The associations aim to expand their service portfolio to provide members and the public with targeted information on RE and successfully generate additional recurring income. This includes technical publications (SAWEA) and strategies for revenue increase (SAPVIA).
- Joint Communication and Advocacy (Result 2): The partners collaborate on comprehensive communication efforts to raise public awareness and acceptance of renewable energies. This involves developing a joint communication strategy and implementing coordinated outreach and advocacy activities.

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The **Chamber and Association Partnership (KVP)** is a funding instrument of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). KVP is implemented by sequaGmbH and operates under the BMZ initiative "Partners in Transformation". The program's primary objective is to contribute to sustainable economic development and support business membership organisations in emerging economies. KVP mobilizes the knowledge and experience of organized German business, allowing German chambers and associations to strengthen the capacities of local partner organizations. The methodology emphasizes direct know-how transfer and cooperation between peer organizations.

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PARTNER OVERVIEW

The KVP South Africa is structured as a multi-stakeholder partnership with four German organizations in close collaboration with three key South African associations, sharing expertise and jointly developing solutions.



Bundesverband Erneuerbare Energie e.V. (BEE)

The German Renewable Energy Federation acts as the central coordinator and lead implementing association, covering all RE sectors in Germany.



Bundesverband Solarwirtschaft e.V. (BSW-Solar)

The German Solar Industry Association is a cooperation partner focusing on PV sector development and sharing expertise on data management and revenue strategies.



Bundesverband WindEnergie e.V. (BWE)

The German Wind Energy Association offers wind energy expertise including grid integration, logistics, and technical advocacy.



Fachverband Biogas e.V. (FvB)

The German Biogas Association supports organizational strengthening, public relations, and technical capacity development in the biogas sector.



South African Photovoltaic Industry Association (SAPVIA)

The association represents the PV sector, and focuses on enhancing services for members and diversifying revenue.



South African Wind Energy Association (SAWEA)

The association advocates for the wind energy sector and strengthens technical expertise related to market reforms.



Southern African Biogas Industry Association (SABIA)

The association represents the biogas industry, and develops internal structures, financial sustainability, and sector visibility.



COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

South Africa is the most industrialised market economy on the continent and is regarded as the economic engine of the region, possessing significant natural resources and a diversified industrial base.

The country is currently undergoing a fundamental energy transformation away from a coal-based electricity system (currently over 80% of generation) to diversified renewable sources. This transition is strongly supported by key government strategies, including the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and the Just Energy Transition Investment Plan (JET-IP), which prioritize the rapid expansion of wind and solar capacity.

The project aims to capitalize on the existing momentum generated by policy reforms and the unbundling of the state utility Eskom, facilitating a resilient and competitive energy sector. South Africa offers excellent natural conditions for renewable energies, especially wind and solar, and is positioning itself as a hub for Green Hydrogen production.

The partnership supports the industry's capacity to advocate for the necessary regulatory and infrastructure developments required to realize this potential.

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