

## Renewable Energy Symposium - Speaker profiles

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**Dr. Lucy Baker** - Lucy is a Research Associate in the School of Global Studies at the University of Sussex working on a joint research project with the Universities of Durham, Sussex and UCT titled *Rising powers and the low carbon transition in Southern Africa* – the basis of the RE symposium. Her most recent work has explored some of the features and dynamics of South Africa's renewable energy independent power producers' programme (RE IPPPP) and has included a research report co-authored with Holle Wlokas "*Renewable energy procurement in South Africa: a new frontier?*"

**Mike Mulcahy** - Mike works for GreenCape as the Atlantis SEZ (Special Economic Zone) Project Executive. His work involves promoting local industrial development, growth and job creation in the green economy with particular emphasis on Atlantis in the Western Cape.

**Marion Green-Thompson** – Marion is the Economic Development Director, Globeleq South Africa Management Services (Pty) Ltd.

**Happy Khambule** - Happy is Research and Policy Analyst at Project 90 by 2030, a change-focused national NGO. He is a post-graduate law student and as a young climate leader participates in numerous energy and climate related national and international projects and programmes. Project 90 hosts the regional node of the Climate Action Network.

**Willie Van Niekerk** - Willie is the commercial director, Globeleq South Africa management services (GSAMS). GSAMS manages the operations of three Round 1 REIPPPP projects on behalf of Globeleq: De Aar Solar Power, Droogfontein Solar Power and Jeffreys Bay Wind Farm. Globeleq is the leading independent electricity producer in Africa and focusses on the energy sector in emerging markets, particularly Africa and the Americas.

**Andrew Janish** - Andrew recently took up the post of Principle Professional Officer: Energy and Climate Change Unit, Environmental Resource Management, in the City of Cape Town. Previously Andrew was the senior project manager at Sustainable Energy Africa where his work involved the use tariff-setting to encourage the roll-out of small-scale solar PV in South African cities. He is an expert in Sustainable energy strategy development, technical support and implementation in South African cities.

**Wido Schnabel** - Wido is the business development manager at Canadian/Jinko Solar. He is a board member of SAPVIA and chairs the manufacturers subcommittee. He is passionate about Solar in Africa and has coined the term "Africa will jump the Grid".

**Holle Wlokas** - Holle is a PhD candidate at the Energy Research Centre, UCT. Her PhD research investigates the institutional work associated with community benefit commitments and schemes established under the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Program (REIPPPP) in South Africa. In 2014, before embarking on full-time PhD study she was also involved in the *Rising Powers, Clean Development and the Low Carbon Transition in Sub-Saharan Africa study*, with Dr Lucy Baker.

**Brenda Martin** - Brenda has worked as a practitioner in the Southern African development sector for about 20 years. For the past ten years she has led a number of national Energy policy and implementation initiatives, focused on renewable energy (RE) uptake. She is the ERC's research projects manager, supporting internal and external research cooperation and assisting the Centre to proactively identify, develop and establish new strategic research areas.

**Maloba Tshehla** - Maloba is Renewable Energy Sector Manager at GreenCape. He has an academic background in chemical engineering and is passionate about sustainability and renewable energy. His work focuses on promoting small scale embedded generation and improving cooperation among key stakeholders in the W Cape RE sector.