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SESSA Policy for Endorsement of Commercial Conferences

Background

- The Sustainable Energy Society of Southern Africa or SESSA is a non profit organisation (Reg. No.: 037- 484-NPO). SESSA is dedicated to the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- Renewable energy technologies include all solar-based energies such as photovoltaics, thermal heating and cooling, wind, biomass and hydro, to name a few. Other utilization possibilities of this principle source of energy are in passive building design and energy efficiency.
- The inter-disciplinary nature of SESSA attracts the membership of industry, scientists, researchers, developers and the general public – the only qualification is a keen interest in renewable energy and its utilization to ensure a sustainable energy future.
- SESSA was founded in 1964 and is one of 50 National Sections of the International Solar Energy Society (ISES). ISES is regarded as the premier body in solar energy with members in over 100 countries. SESSA is the duly appointed African office of ISES.

Endorsement of Commercial Conferences

SESSA has noted with some concern the increasing number of commercial conferences at which sustainable energy technologies are included. Endorsement of such commercial conferences by SESSA is often requested by the organizers. Such endorsement implies association of SESSA with the event, and the credibility, reputation and good name of SESSA has to be carefully considered before such endorsement is approved. SESSA will endorse commercial conferences on the following conditions:

- The conference must offer a genuine platform for the promotion of sustainable energy information transfer, goods, services and general good value to paying delegates.
- The conference organizers must provide three places for SESSA representatives free of charge. These delegates will be nominated by the SESSA Council and will participate fully in the conference, either as session chairs, round-table discussants, or in any other capacity negotiated between the SESSA Council and the conference organizers.
- The conference organizers must offer a discounted fee to SESSA members in good standing, to be negotiated with the SESSA Council.
- SESSA shall be provided with a free exhibition stand at the conference.
- SESSA promotional papers are to be included in delegates' conference packs.
- The SESSA logo is to appear on all conference material.