

Introduction to Renewable Energy

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- Why Renewables?
- Renewable Energy Sources & Technolgies
 - Solar Wind
 - Hydro Geo-thermal
 - Wave Bio-gas
 - Bio-fuels
- Project Example
- More on SWH
- Questions



Why Renewables?

The problem...



 Unsustainable Resource Use

Climate Change

 Collapse of Ecological Systems



Past & Today CO₂ & Temp









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SPECIAL REPORT GLOBAL WARMING

Climate change isn't some vague future problem—it's already damaging the planet at an alarming pace. Here's how it affects you, your kids and their kids as well

EARTH AT THE TIPPING POINT How China & India Can Help Save the World—or Destroy IT The Climate Crusaders







RE Sources







Solar in South Africa





Wind is solar powered





Wind in South Africa



RE Technologies



Solar Air-conditioners





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Photovoltaics

- Silicon
 - Crystalline
 - Poly
 - Mono
 - Amorphous (thinfilm)
- Other
 - Multi-junction
 - Copper-indium-gallium-diselenide (CIGS)











From sand to PV module



Solar Value Chain



Concentrated Solar Thermal













Parabolic Dishes with Stirling Engine

Parabolic Troughs





Fresnel Concentrators

























Places for CSP





Wind Turbines















Wind Power = cube function of Wind Speed






- Napier Farm
 - 15kW Proven Wind
 Turbine





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Hoover Dam













Micro-hydro potential



Geo-thermal Power Station





Geo-thermal























Project Example

Complete End-to-End Energy Solutions





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Solar Water Heaters



- Flat plate collectors
- Vacuum tube collectors
 - Vacuum tube-low pressure
 - Vacuum pipe-high pressure
- Swimming pool collectors





Flat Plate Collectors cont.

- Design:
 - Copper fins welded/clamped to copper pipes
- Fins absorb sun's heat -> pipes
- 60-70° C water
- More efficiency than Vacuum Tube





Vacuum Tube cont.

• Low-pressure

- Two glass tubes, vacuum between
- Selective coating on inner tube
- 70-100+° C water
- High pressure
 - Glass tube with vacuum, copper rod inside or heat pipe
 - Heat conducted to manifold at the top
 - 60-80° C water
- Less efficient than Flat-plate









- Horizontal traditional in SA
 - On-roof (close-couple / compact) (insurance discount)
 - In-roof (split)
- Vertical garage / boiler room
- Direct no heat-exchanger
- Indirect heat-exchanger



Residential Configurations

- Direct vs Indirect
- Heat exchangers
- Pumped systems









- Electrical pumped
- PV pumped





Thermodynamic Solar Water Heaters (Solar Heat Pumps)

- Works even when cloudy & rainy
- Panels can be painted
- Easy installation
- More savings than SWH with elec backup?






• When should you do it?

NOW IS THE TIME

- ESKOM rebate just gone up, will go down each year.
- www.eskomdsm.co.za





Renewable Energy Energy Efficiency

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 - Director of numerous other companies
- Jeff Beer
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SHARP

- Wind
 - Proven Energy (UK)
- Solar
 - SHARP Photovoltaics (UAE)
 - Energie Thermodynaic SWH (Portugal)
- Other
 - Sortech absorption chiller (Germany)
 - NRG wind assessment equipment (USA)
 - Graffo Towers (SA)
- Professional
 - Watermarc Engineers (SA)
 - 3E (Belgium)
 - DHK Urban Concepts (SA)











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Questions?

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