Introduction of the National Biogas Platform

Expert workshop for the How2Guide for Bioenergy
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Platform background

- Proposed by Department of Energy (DoE) and South African Biogas Industry Association (SABIA) during the 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
The aims of the platform

• To address the **lessons learned** from the existing biogas projects

• To **assess current and future regulatory requirements** in order to make the regulations proactive and conducive for the development of the industry

• To **reveal and bundle the financing options** for the biogas projects in order to lift up the industry

• No intention to create a separate institution

• Temporary platform
The constellation of the platform

Governmental Departments
• DOE
• DEA
• NERSA
• DTI
• DWA
• DAFF
• ....

Industries
• Associations
• ...

Biogas steering committee

Financing institutions
• DBSA
• IDC
• International donors
• ...

Eskom

Research
• Universities
• ...

Provinces and local government
• SALGA
• Provincial authorities
• Municipal representatives
• ...

• International donors
• ...

In cooperation with
Progress so far

- 4 well attended meetings conducted at the GIZ offices in Pretoria (November 2013 - April 2014) with representatives from DoE, DEA, CSIR, NERSA, Eskom, SABIA, SALGA, SANEDI, DTI, IDC, DBSA, UNIDO, UCT, UJ, Green Cape)

- Discussions around bottlenecks and needs for the biogas project implementation initiated

- **3 working groups were created** engaging with particular topics identified by the Platform as priorities
  - Information gathering
  - Financing
  - Licensing

- Next meeting **4th of June 10h00-12h30** at GIZ Hatfield, Pretoria
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