











SOUTHERN AFRICAN FAITH COMMUNITIES' ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE





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We are an institute of people of many faiths, united in our diversity through our common commitment to support the faith communities in fulfilling their environmental & socioeconomic responsibility.

SAFCEI upholds the core principles of the Earth Charter, including:

- Respect and care for the community of life
- Ecological integrity
- Social and economic justice
- Democracy, non-violence and peace



#### Presentation to the Portfolio committee:

What should South Africa Commit to do no matter what the rest of the world does?

- Renewable energy path
- Adaptation all plans of the country must be climate proof

What should South Africa put forward into the climate change international arena?

- Hold fast to 1.5 degrees
- Costs of adaptation and mitigation

#### South Africa in the international arena

- South Africa as an African Leader
- South Africa as an international leader
- influential within
- G77 + China
- BRICS
- Africa Group



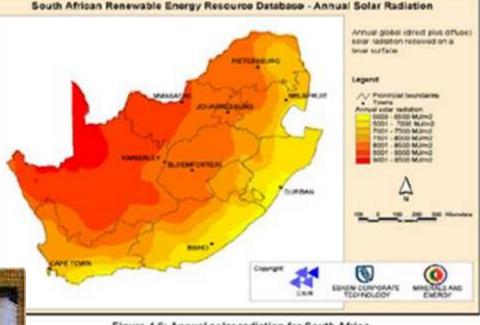
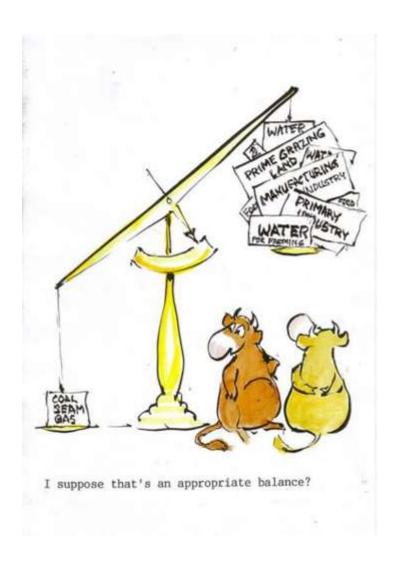


Figure 4.6: Annual solar radiation for South Africa Source: DME et al. (2001)

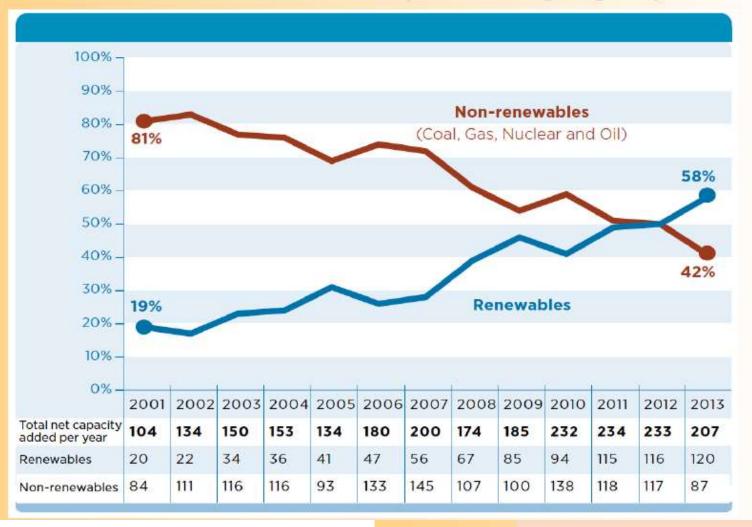
#### Basis of intervention:

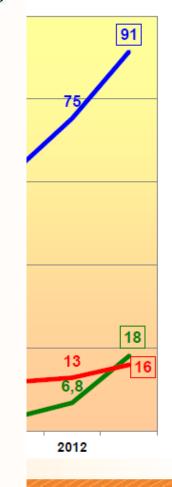
- NOT about balancing development and environmental quality
- BUT
- ONLY development for the future is sustainable, low carbon development
- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WORLD TRENDS



# Energy system for the future

#### Renewables Share of Global Electricity Generating Capacity Additions





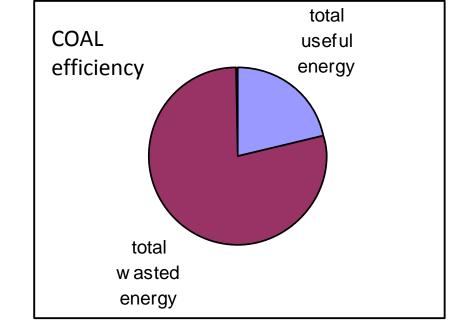
Source: IRENA, Rethinking Energy, 2014

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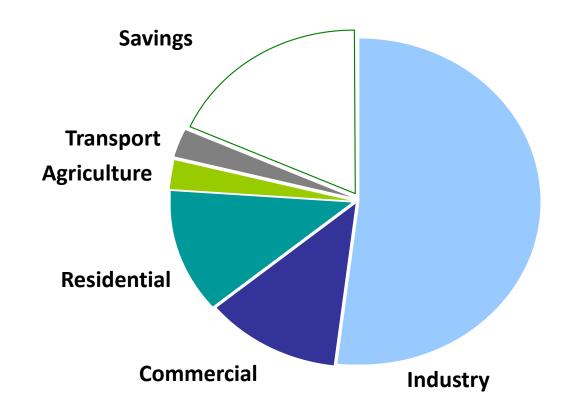
# Specific inputs.

- Support Adaptation costs as part of negotiations
- Environmental ministry needs to speak strongly – to make sure that other sectors do make their plans climate resilient – eg to get DoE to complete the electricity plan
- No false solutions nuclear and no coal and no CCS
- Prioritise energy efficiency
- Put alternative energy



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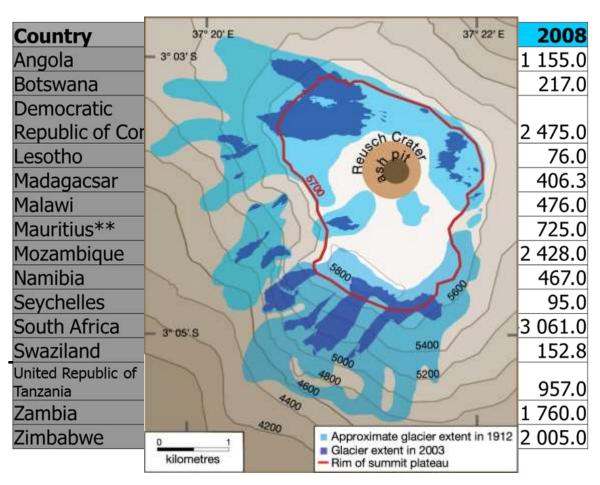
- Take current subsidies to coal, nukes etc and redirect to renewable and energy efficiency
- Specifically mention how business has contributed R200bn into renewable energy
- Address infrastructure plans including buildings – lock in carbon emissions and development plans for 60 to 100 years





## Key inputs.

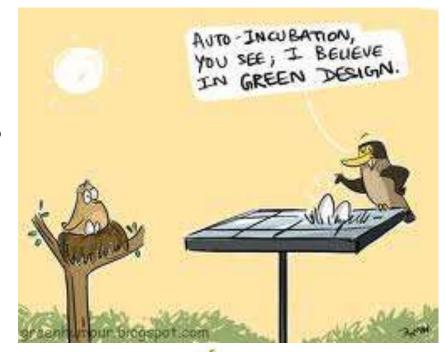
- Support Africa Group 1.5 degrees - JUSTICE
- Attract people focused green investment – public commitment to climate resilience
- Need High focus on adaptation need to climate proof





# Moving Ahead – new value based decision making

- Protect our earth
- Act in the interests of future generations
- Use opportunity to challenge other nations to act globally and act locally!



# Thank you

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Making sustainable development a reality





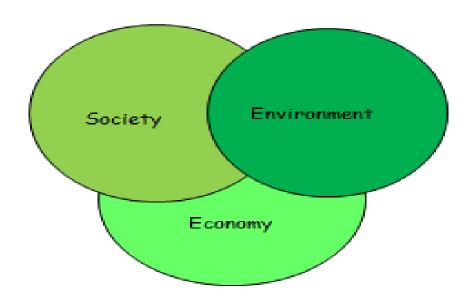
# Sustainability

- Bishop Geoff Davies
- Patron SAFCEI



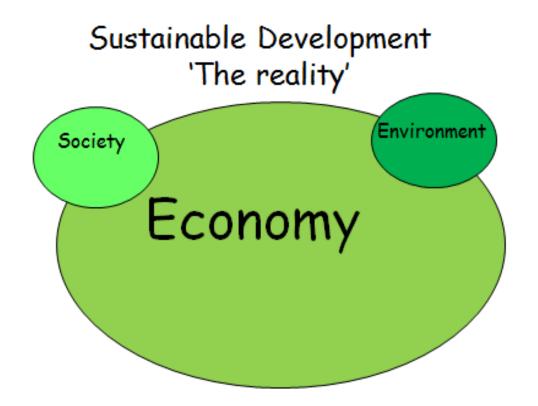
The language of sustainable development: The world doesn't work like a machine. This model theoretically integrated nature, people and economics.

#### Components of 'Sustainable Development'



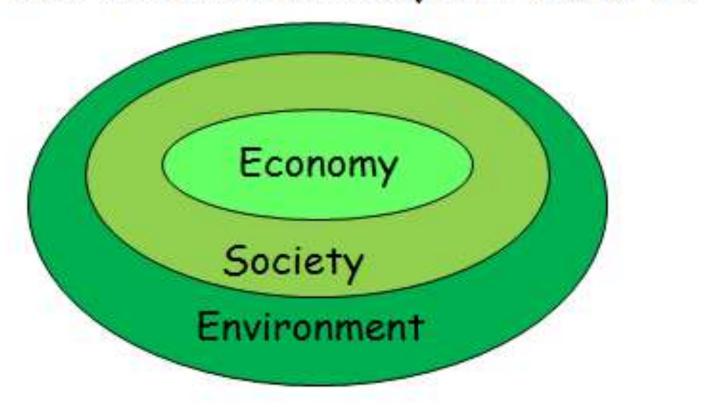
In reality, the Sustainable Development model is more like this:

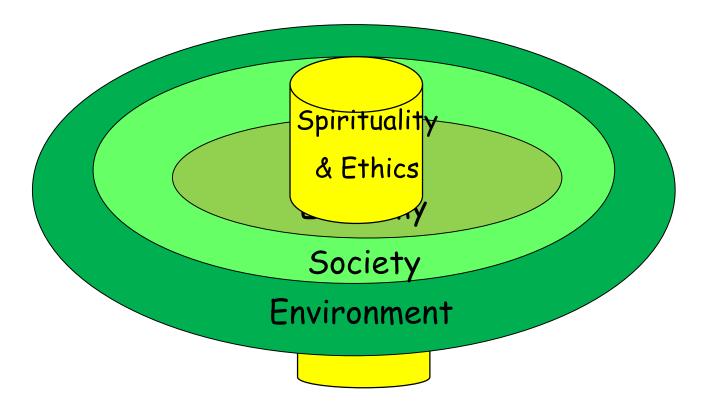
Economics is dominant



#### Nature is the foundation of all life

#### How sustainable development should be





Spirituality & Ethics at the core the  $4^{th}$  pillar of sustainability