

Media Release

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DiBiCoo hosts international study tour and capacity building workshop in South Africa

The Digital Global Biogas Cooperation (<u>DiBiCoo</u>) project will be hosting a study tour and capacity building workshop in South Africa from 22 - 24 March 2022. The events will be hybrid and can be attended online through the <u>Enlit Africa Connect platform</u>.

DiBiCoo is a cooperation project between biogas technology developed and developing market countries, with the overall objective to support the European biogas/biomethane industry by preparing markets for the export of sustainable biogas/biomethane technologies from Europe to developing and emerging markets. This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme under Grant Agreement No 857804 (DiBiCoo - Digital Global Biogas Cooperation).

The study tour is aimed at business delegations, interested stakeholders and project partners looking to gain insights and learnings from four existing biogas project sites within South Africa's developing biogas market. The capacity building workshop will discuss the current and future potential of digestate management and valorisation.

The study tour in South Africa will have two instalments. The first instalment will take place in Gauteng on 22 March 2022, and the second instalment will be held in the Western Cape on 24 March 2022.

"The study tour will enable stakeholders from developing and developed biogas markets to see existing technologies in operation under real life conditions and to learn more about challenges and barriers that were overcame to establish these projects," said Yaseen Salie, WISP facilitator & bio-energy analyst, leading the DiBiCoo project for GreenCape.

In between the scheduled study tours, on 23 March 2022, GreenCape will host DiBiCoo- RSA Capacity Building Workshop 2. The objectives of the capacity building workshop will provide knowledge sharing opportunities. "The aim of this capacity building course will be to provide insight and encourage best practices for digestate management and beneficiation within biogas project development and implementation," adds Salie.

The following knowledge sharing points will be discussed:

- Understanding the current context and impact of digestate on biogas project development and implementation in South Africa.
- Overview of current and upcoming activities of South African Biogas Industry Association with regards to the management and usage of digestate in South Africa.
- Argentina sharing the learnings and insights of their life cycle assessment studies for biogas and digestate.
- Case study of digestate management and beneficiation practices within South Africa.
- Identifying utilization pathways for digestate management and beneficiation within South Africa.

The target audience for these hybrid events includes turnkey providers, project owners, municipalities and investors and off take clients interested in the management and beneficiation of digestate produced by biogas plants. The secondary audience would be agriculture stakeholders and regulators keen to gain a better understanding on how the de-risk the usage of digestate within agriculture sector.

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About GreenCape: GreenCape is a non-profit organisation that drives the widespread adoption of economically viable green economy solutions from South Africa. The team works with businesses, investors, academia and government to unlock the investment and employment potential of green technologies and services, and to support a transition to a resilient green economy. GreenCape's vision is a thriving prosperous Africa mobilised by the green economy.

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