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The 2016 IEEE Power & Energy Society PowerAfrica Conference in Zambia Empowers Electrification Across the African Continent and Grants Scholarships to Young Individuals Involved in Electrification Projects

Conference set for 28 June 2016 – 2 July 2016 in Livingstone attracting members of academia, investors, regulators, electric utilities, students and the energy industry to discuss best practices, technologies and share experiences

PISCATAWAY, N.J., USA, 17 February 2016 – IEEE, the world’s largest professional organization dedicated to advancing technology for humanity, today announced the 2016 IEEE Power & Energy Society (PES) PowerAfrica Conference will take place in Livingstone, Zambia on 28 June 2016 – 2 July 2016. The theme of the conference—now open to registrations—is “Electrifying Africa: Affordable Energy Enabling Socio-Economic Development.”

The PowerAfrica Conference will be a platform for participants from academia, electric utilities and industry to discuss experiences, best practices and associated technical developments that can be applied towards the electrification of Africa enabling socio-economic development. In addition to power delivery regulations, investments and policies, the conference will cover keynotes, plenary sessions, paper and poster presentations and tutorials by worldwide experts on power delivery with focus in Africa.

“IEEE PES PowerAfrica is the preeminent forum that uniquely invites professionals from around the world to gather under the banner of further electrifying the African continent,” said Urenna Onyewuchi, chair of the IEEE PES PowerAfrica Conference. “This is not only a networking conference but also a platform for education. Industry leaders, academics, researchers, government officials and many others will converge in Zambia to discuss technical experiences through research presentation sessions, panels and more.”

The 2016 PowerAfrica program will cover a wide array of topics and activities, including:

- Tutorial – Fundamentals of Microgrid Design Operation and Management
- Keynote Address – Socio-Economic Development in Africa through Electrification

- Plenary – Challenges in Electrification in African Countries
- Panel – Voice of Industry: Investments and Breakthrough Technologies to Help Electrify Africa
- Plenary – Skills Development Through Partnerships – A Critical Path to the Electrification of Africa

To further support the conference, [IEEE Smart Village](#)—a global humanitarian program helping remote, energy-deprived communities build toward sustainability with renewable energy and technology—announced today the availability of travel scholarships to promote and support 2016 PowerAfrica.

Through an application process, IEEE Smart Village plans to award successful applicants a travel scholarship to assist with expenses to attend the 2016 Power Africa Conference in Zambia. The scholarship—up to \$1,500—in reimbursement of travel related expenses, including visa expenses, travel, accommodations, conference fees and participation in tutorials and workshops. To be considered for the IEEE Smart Village Ambassador Program scholarship, visit <http://bit.ly/1TUKNNh>. The submission deadline is April 3, 2016.

For more information on the 2016 PowerAfrica and to register, visit <http://sites.ieee.org/powerafrica>. To participate in the conference, visit <http://sites.ieee.org/powerafrica/participate>. For the full conference program and schedule, visit <http://sites.ieee.org/powerafrica/program-2>.

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