

Interview results

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	<u>Category of Strategy</u>	<u>Question</u>	
1	Role of Government	- What is the role of Government in implementing energy efficiency? - Political will to enact legislation - Single most important and critical legislative assistance - Prioritisation of budgets and development agenda (poverty) - Is energy efficiency not a luxury, considering we are yet to attain universal and equitable access?	-Must set direction -Introduce legislation relating to industry practices and safety and efficiency standards -Government has taken the lead in developing curriculum for energy audits, together with ESETA, only, industry is not coming to the party. Government clearly ahead of industry in this respect. -Energy efficiency is not capital intensive
2	Institutional infrastructures	- What is the single most important institutional infrastructure creation during the implementation of energy efficiency? - Why - Who funds it - Who runs it	-Agency for accurate information and knowledge of energy efficiency interventions -Eskom and municipalities to give more information about electricity to electricity consumers
3	Energy pricing	- How does the current low electricity pricing affect implementation of energy efficiency? - Role of Eskom monopoly - How can it be corrected	- Eskom's low-cost so-called lowest electricity price has lulled consumers into being complacent with energy usage -Efficiency in the economy is being sacrificed.
4	Energy efficiency Programs	- Which energy efficiency programs should South Africa choose, to drive energy efficiency - What type - Blanket approach versus targeted interventions - How to enforce - Who manages - Who funds - Who reviews	-Heavy industry as intensive energy users must be targeted -Residential sector must be targeted with appliance labels and awareness building programs on how to save energy

5	Publicity and information dissemination	- How should awareness and information dissemination about energy efficiency be implemented: - What (medium chosen) - What (target messages to segmented consumers) - Who - Funding - How critical is it	-Two-year long drama showcasing how an average family is grappling with energy efficiency, set in a drama format on TV. This family will serve as a model in the workplace, at the house etc., on how to deal with energy efficiency
6	Public and private collaboration	- How should PPP be achieved in aid of energy efficiency - Who leads the effort - How to deal with huge legacy of disparity between level of affluence of society - Is it achievable	-These are possible
7	Research, Development, Demonstration and testing	- Who should be responsible for R&D in respect of energy efficiency - Who to lead and manage - Who and how to fund - Independence	-Bolster SABS ability to support energy efficiency initiatives. Already there are programs being implemented together with SABS.
8	Funding	- How should energy efficiency be financed? - Type of funding (Loans, DFI, Grants, Interest rate schemes, Environmental levies) - Incentives? - Tax breaks - Depreciation allowances - Import duties - Research grants	-Funding to be sector specific -Funding is not an issue in the residential energy sector -Funding in the industrial sector can be in the form of a revolving loan facility extended by development finance institutions.
9	Donor support	- What role should donors play in the implementation of energy efficiency - Capacity building - Sustainability - Funding - Influence on choice of programs - Comprehensive engagement with donors (manage their interventions carefully)	-Government must be strong in order to keep control over donor agencies and their programs -Government needs to intervene where it can – to manage donors effectively. This problem of poor or lacking management of international donors is prevalent in the majority of government departments.

10	nd post-implementation evaluation	• What role does post-implementation monitoring and evaluation of projects play? ○ How ○ Who ○ When	-No comment
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