



Report by the MD

NIASA Exco Meeting of 7th November, 2013

1. **Outward Investment Missions**

Preparations for the US visit to Westinghouse and GE Hitachi have reached advanced stages. The DTI has shortlisted candidates, with the input from NIASA (Messrs Danny Quan and Alan Reid accompanied by Knox Msebenzi) as requested by the board. The visit to China has been postponed to around March 2014. Dr Adam has given notice that he cannot lead the delegation any more as the timing coincides with a crucial Aveng Board meeting. He then asked the MD to lead the delegation from NIASA's side.

2. **The Parliament Portfolio Committee on Energy**

Meeting was held on the 19th September. Ms Judi Nwokedi gave an eloquent presentation

3. **Appointment of NIASA MD to the EWSETA Board**

A letter was sent to the Minister of Higher Education and Training. A response is still outstanding. The PA for Dr Adam is following up.

4. **Working Group Meetings –**

The sub-committee meetings – PR, ET and SCD were held on the 5 and the 6th of Nov.

- a. A plea to have more participation by the industry in the ET subcommittee, especially in the artisans and technicians development. Some members expressed that they have had to set up structures to make up for weaknesses with SETAs and the DTI is supporting the initiatives.
- b. The PR subcommittee will seek board approval to engage an expert on communications to publicise NIASA.

5. **WIN Global Conference**

NIASA to sponsored WINSA R50, 000 towards their hosting an international conference (WIN-Global 2013) in Johannesburg (5 -11 October, 2013). Ms Judi Nwokedi presented a paper at the conference. The feedback I got from several sources indicated that it was an excellent paper.

6. **SAYNPS**

Outreach programme in the EC - (14 – 16 Oct) – NIASA was represented by John Walmsley.

7. **SZ&W Group Helen Hu**

Nuclear Industry Congress Africa 2014 in Cape Town - February 25-26th

8. **DoE (ministerial)**

Study tour of PWR countries – China, US, Russia, France, Korea, and Japan.

9. **Invitation for showcasing NIASA at the SAYNPS**

Dec 4 – 6, 2013. Propose to sponsor R50 000.

Knox Msebenzi