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*SHALE GAS ECONOMICS FOR SOUTH AFRICA:
HOW GEOLOGY, TECHNOLOGY, FINANCE AND GAS MARKETS
ARE INTER-LINKED?*

Date: 2 October 2014
Time: 13:00-15:00
Venue: TIPS Boardroom, 227 Lange Street, Nieuw Muckleneuk, Pretoria
RSVP: On/before 30 September with natasha@tips.org.za

Presented by: Saliem Fakir, Head: Living Planet Unit, WWF South Africa



The presentation will explore the viability of shale gas in South Africa from the economic lens. By focusing on issues such as geology, decline rates and breakeven costs of wells and exploring the relationship between gas prices and cash-flows, the presentation will seek to answer the core question of whether a shale revolution would occur in South Africa. In doing so, it will explore questions around the longevity of a shale revolution, the price at which shale gas is commercially viable, and the economic lessons from the United States shale revolution. Finally, it will look at the outstanding research questions pertaining to economic and investment issues related to shale gas.

The presenter: Saliem Fakir is the Head of the Living Planet Unit at the World Wildlife Fund South Africa. The Unit's work is focused on identifying ways to manage a transition to a low-carbon economy. Saliem has previously served as senior lecturer at the Department of Public Administration and Planning and Associate Director for the Center for Renewable and Sustainable Energy at the University of Stellenbosch where he taught a course on renewable energy policy and financing of renewable energy projects.

He has also previously worked for Lereko Energy (Pty) Ltd (2006) an investment company focusing on project development and financial arrangements for renewable energy, biofuels, and waste and water sectors. He also served as Director of the World Conservation Union South Africa (IUCN-SA) office for 8 years (1998-2005). Prior to the IUCN, he was the Manager for the Natural Resources and Management Unit at the Land and Agriculture Policy Center.

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