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TIA and GCIP-SA represented at 2017 Vienna Energy Forum

Five South Africans represented TIA and the GCIP-SA at the Vienna Energy Forum (VEF) and its side events in Austria from 9 – 12 May 2017, including two top performers from the Global Cleantech Innovation Programme for SMEs in South Africa (GCIP-SA).

The two GCIP-SA alumni, Martin Ackermann and Corinne Greyling, had the opportunity to pitch their innovations to an audience of around 80 delegates at a side event aimed at showcasing the achievements of all eight GCIP countries, namely South Africa, Armenia, India, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Thailand and Turkey. Ackermann represented Thevia, developers of a lighter and stronger roof tile made from 99% waste materials. He was a runner-up in the 2016 GCIP-SA programme and winner of the green building category at the Global Forum of the 2017 Cleantech Week in San Francisco.

Corinne Greyling of Coco's Solutions is the developer of a super-hydrophobic and self-cleaning coating that increases the lifespan of components on high-voltage power lines, also making the grid more efficient. She was a finalist in the 2016 GCIP-SA programme. She also shared her experience as a speaker at the launch of the

Corinne and Martin were joined by Berenice Marais, TIA Executive for Innovation Enabling and Support, and Gerswynn Mckuur and Petro de Wet from the GCIP-SA. Berenice was a panellist at a special spotlight event held on 11 May 2017, where the findings of the Global Cleantech Innovation Index (GCII) was shared and discussed.

The VEF is a biennial, global and multi-stakeholder forum that explores 21st century developmental challenges from the perspective of sustainable energy. VEF 2017 focused on "Sustainable Energy for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement. It was established in 2008 as a joint initiative by the Austrian Government, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Captions for pics:



Gerswynn McKuur, Petro de Wet, James New (UNIDO), Corinne Greyling (GCIP-SA alumnus) and Berenice at the 2017 VEF, with fellow South African Mr Sisa Njikelana

[Courtney - please contact Martin to find out if he has a pic of himself taken at the VEF – I only have a video recording of his presentation, which I can send to you if you would like to extract a still from it. Tel. 071 605 6825, email m.a@scavman.com]



Corinne Greyling sharing her experience at the UNIDO/ECREEE event for Women in Sustainable Energy on 12 May 2017