



# National University of Lesotho

## Energy Research Centre



### Press Release

The National University of Lesotho has established an Energy Research Centre (ERC). The ERC strives to develop human resource capacity by currently offering sustainable energy short courses (<http://physics.nul.ls/course.aspx>) and through an MSc in Sustainable Energy planned to start in January 2018. Moreover, the ERC performs research that informs policies for sustainable development. The ERC is an all-inclusive center for low-carbon research work (solar, wind, hydro, bio-energy), social engineering (energy policy, economics, finance & project management, climate change & environment, energy & gender), capacity building, consultancy and outreach programmes. It has multi-disciplinary scientists from diverse backgrounds working collaboratively towards achieving clean power generation, efficient use of energy and access to clean energy for all households.

***Current internal members of ERC are from the following departments:***

Biology, Chemistry & Chemical Technology, Physics & Electronics, Sociology, Economics, Dev. Studies

***Some of the academic institutions ERC closely works with are:***

- Namibia Energy Institute - Namibia University of Science & Technology (Namibia)
- Clean Energy Research Centre - University of Botswana (Botswana)
- Centre for Renewable and Sustainable Energy Studies - Stellenbosch University (South Africa)
- Finland Futures Research Centre - University of Turku (Finland)
- Hochschule Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences (Germany)
- Management Center Innsbruck (Austria)
- Cape Peninsula University of Technology (South Africa)
- Lerotholi Polytechnic (Lesotho)
- Strathmore Energy Research Centre - Strathmore University (Kenya)

***Some of the institutions/companies the members/ERC work(s) with are:***

- Lesotho Electricity Company (LEC)
- Technologies for Economic Development (TED)
- Mos-Sun Clean Energy Technologies (MOSCET)
- Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme (RECP)
- Development Partners: EU, UNDP
- SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREE)
- Ministry of Energy & Meteorology departments (DoE, LMS, REU)
- Appropriate Technology Services (ATS)
- Bethel Business Community and Development Centre (BBCDC)

***Senior ERC personnel are board members of the following:***

- Lesotho Electricity Company
- Lesotho Electricity and Water Authority

***With the support of Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme, ERC is hosting:***

Renewable Energy Research & Innovation Symposium (RERIS): 23-26 January 2018 ([www.nulistic.org.ls](http://www.nulistic.org.ls))

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