**ABOUT US**

We are a non for-profit think tank, with a mission to drive and support positive transformations in Africa's energy industry through in depth analysis and thought leadership.

We challenge the established norms and perceptions of Africa’s energy sector, through dialogue with influential stakeholders.

We aim to bridge the energy knowledge gap within, and about Africa, by informing on viable opportunities and pragmatic solutions to pressing challenges in Africa's energy industry."

**Mission Statement**

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**Core Values**

**Social Impact**: The SEE Institute at its core, is committed to the socio-economic development of the African continent, by meaningfully contributing to its energy policies. As Africa’s population continues to rise exponentially, ensuring the sustained growth of its economies is of utmost importance. In this light, the institute will share its intellectual capital openly and work with stakeholders towards achieving shared goals.

**Integrity**: We are committed to providing non-partisan, unbiased and objective viewpoints on African energy issues. As the institute is a non-for-profit organization, it receives funding from a multitude of sources. To ensure that we continue to operate with the highest levels of integrity and transparency, entities that provide grants and funding to the institute, will be made public.

**Excellence:** Considering the potential economic and social implications of our work, SEE is committed to excellence in every aspect of its operations. We are committed to ensuring that our viewpoints are backed up with factual and accurate evidence, that emanate from verifiable sources of high integrity.

**Our Story**

**2011:** In the frigid winter of 2011, motivated by a guest lecture at the University of Alberta School of Business, Babatunde Olateju conceived the idea of a Think Tank that would address the energy, economic and development hurdles facing the African continent. In partnership with his friend and graduate school colleague Abdul Abdurrahman, they decided to advance this idea into the realm of reality. However, after concerted efforts, a multitude of iterations, permutations and joint ventures, ultimately, they failed. However, the story didn't end there.

**2015:** In the midst of their habitual and spirited debates about the potential of the African continent, the idea of the Think Tank resurfaced in Abdul's Calgary apartment. While the shadows of their past failures remained overcast in their minds, there was a renewed sense of optimism. Semiu, a friend and colleague of Babatunde during their undergraduate studies, had joined their intellectual fraternity and strengthened their collective capabilities. Together, with their shared passion for energy and development in Africa, they collaborated and co-founded the SEE Institute.

**2016**: The institute was formally registered as a non-for-profit energy think tank in Canada, and the story continues to unfold.

**OUR TEAM**

The SEE Institute is led by a team of energy intellectuals who possess a global consciousness of the prevailing energy issues and opportunities, yet remain grounded in the complexities and trends, pertinent to Africa’s energy sector.

Meet our team of dedicated co-founders:

**Abdul Abdurrahman**

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Abdul is a founding member of the SEE Institute. He has worked with private and public institutional investors around the world. Abdul envisions SEE working extensively with clients in Europe, North America, and Asia, helping inform their businesses about African opportunities.

In his work,  Abdul advises clients on all aspects of business strategy, project management, project execution and governance in the African context. Prior to founding SEE, Abdul was part of a Project Management team at Air Liquide SA and worked in Engineering and Consulting in Canada.

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**Babatunde Olateju**

Babatunde is a professional in the Canadian Energy Industry who believes that holistic and prudent energy sector development, is an imperative for the economic and social advancement of developing countries. Currently, he assesses technology investment opportunities in the energy sector, to further economic and climate change mitigation objectives. He is a published author in the techno-economics of renewable and non-renewable energy systems, with over 15 publications in refereed journals, book chapters, technical reports, and media articles. Babatunde has been a speaker at over 20 conferences, workshops and summits. He is a member of an Inter-Provincial Working Group on Canadian Trade and Investment in Africa and serves as a committee member on a Pan-Canadian Technology Roadmap for Small Modular Nuclear Reactors.

Babatunde received a PhD in Engineering Management from the University of Alberta, where he was a Sadler Scholar and President of the University's Energy Club as well as the Nigerian Students' Association. He completed his Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Brunel University, London. Babatunde has a passionate interest in the nexus of energy, economics, environment, policy and geopolitics. These interests provide a holistic lens, through which, the energy opportunities and challenges of emerging markets, such as those in African continent, are analyzed.

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**Semiu AbdSalami**

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Semiu is a founding partner of the SEE Institute. He currently works as an engineer in the supporting investment decisions and assurance of major projects within an IOC. He previously worked within the energy industry evaluating the technical and commercial requirements of pipeline capital projects to prioritize expenditure through alternative economic analysis.

Semiu obtained a Bachelors and Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering from Brunel University, UK. During the course of obtaining his degree he worked with IHS’s Engineering Sciences Data Unit, carrying out research, presenting and publishing findings to contribute to ESDU’s database. He is one of the recipients of the 2013 Royal Aeronautics Society Young person’s team award and is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientist of Alberta.

Semiu envisions the SEE Institute becoming a “go to” source to the African public and government, on energy industry insights and strategy. He believes the Institute will help usher in a new dynamic focused on benefits to the continent and its citizens.

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