

Be uncompromising, unwavering & unapologetic about gender inequality

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Tebogo Mvundlela has been involved in the renewable energy sector since 2013. She was intimately involved in the construction of the West Coast 1 - 94MW windfarm. She is now the CEO of Aurora Wind Power, and leads the team responsible for the ongoing operation and asset management of the facility.



Tebogo Mvundlela, CEO, Aurora Wind Power

❑ Why did you choose the renewable energy sector as your career path?

Fundamentally it is about seeing the value in what I am doing and the impact not just on the Aurora Wind Power business, but also on the wider society and environment. Renewable energy is a strategic imperative at the highest level of government and through our inherent construct, renewable independent power producers are well positioned to make a contribution, even if small, to the steady economic transformation of this country.

❑ Aside from the fact that we have an abundance of natural resources, why do you think renewable energy is important to Africa?

Access to electricity is a basic need. Electrification in Africa is low and remains one of the key barriers to economic growth and social transformation. Because of the abundance of natural energy sources, renewable energy must place a key role in the energy mix.

❑ What is the one thing you would tell your younger self?

I would simply say, keep doing what you are doing. I am happy with where I am today and the journey – the good and the bad parts – has inadvertently lead me here.

❑ What is your Women's Month message?

While there have been some small victories in moving towards a more gender balanced society – I think we have a long way to go. In the past year, alone we have had a number of highly publicised femicides, #MeToo and recently a [highly insensitive and prejudicial article against female engineers](#).

So my message is: Be uncompromising, unwavering and unapologetic in this pursuit for gender equality.

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