



The SADC Energy Thematic Group

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Background:

- ***Windhoek Declaration (WD) on a new Partnership between the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the International Cooperating Partners (ICPs) of 2007;***
- ***Establishment of Thematic Groups in Energy and Water sectors being part of SADC Directorate of Infrastructure and Services;***
- ***SADC Energy Thematic Group provides SADC and ICPs pooling of resources for specific energy programmes in areas of common interest (see EEP and SACREEE);***
- ***ETG Action Plan for achievement of alignment to the SADC Policy for Strategy Development, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (SPME) and associated plans, and coherence of effort amongst ICPs and SADC.***



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- ***The ETG consists of SADC Secretariat, Southern African Power Pool, Regional Energy Regulators Association and the International Cooperating Partners, ICPs (of about 15 to 20 members);***
- ***ETG meets twice a year (February and September) now on only one day at SADC HQ;***
- ***Last was the 16th meeting on 15th September 2015;***
- ***Austria as co-chair is the ICP lead since 2014 and has taken over from previously Norway, Finland and Sweden;***
- ***The Southern Africa Research and Documentation Centre (SARDC) is a major platform for distribution and dissemination of Energy related information;***



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Outcomes of the 16th SADC ETG meeting:

- ***References to the revised Regional Indicative Strategy and Development Plan RISDP as well as to the Industrialisation Priorities of SADC;***
- ***ICPs are called to align with RISDP;***
- ***Decisions of SADC Energy Ministers Meeting 24th July in Johannesburg (amongst them SACREEE to be hosted and established with Polytech Namibia in Windhoek);***
- ***SADC to solicit support for completion of the SADC Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Strategy and Action Plan (REEESAP) from the EU-Delegation Botswana;***
- ***Austria and the World Bank envisage organizing water-energy-nexus event;***
- ***Offer of NEPAD to support SADC HQ with manpower for PIDA project preparations;***
- ***UNIDO updates on SACREEE;***



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Outcomes continued:

- ***Information on SAPP Programme concerning SADC electricity production, its shortfalls and demands as well as forecasts;***
- ***Information on SAPP Programme concerning SADC electricity transmission program and latest developments on Zizabona, DRC-ZAM, NAM-Angola, Great Inga;***
- ***Information given on INGA RE-study;***
- ***Information on RERA, its Members (BOT, DRC and Mauritius still missing) and Programme;***
- ***Overview of recent RERA Projects like draft IPP-Framework; SADC electricity tariffs; capacity building and training with US Tradehub; RE tracing week in Tanzania;***
- ***Establishment of links between ETG and other SADC Thematic Groups like Water, Gender and Agriculture have been done by the TA;***



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Outcomes continued:

- ***ICP information on ETG “Action Plan” (being a living document);***
- ***ICP Support to the SADC Energy Sector by “Reporting Form, the MATRIX”;***
- ***Vienna Energy Forum (VEF) resulted in the presentation about SE4All Global Tracking Framework, REN21 Report 2014, Global Green Growth report and sustainable Energy to be the 7th Goal Number of the SDG, adopted in New York.***
- ***SAPP/WB discussion to set up of a project implementation unit (PIU) under SAPP in Johannesburg (200 Mio U\$ investment for project preparation);***
- ***Updates were given on Key Energy Sector Activities like in Revised RISDP, REESAP and SACREEE;***
- ***REESAP is based on preparatory work done by Finland; redrafted by the Austrian TA and will be finalised with EU consultancy in 2016 after renewed consultations with key SADC MS- RE/EE institutions and information to SADC Energy Ministers (to be held in Malawi 2016);***



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