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Eighth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA)

Coral Hotel, Khartoum, Sudan

19 – 20 September 2018

FINAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

1. The Eighth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA) was held at the Coral Hotel, in Khartoum, Sudan on 19th – 20th September 2018. The main objectives of the Meeting were to:

a. strengthen the capacity of RAERESA so that it could proactively influence developments in the energy sector of COMESA;
b. undertake a peer review programme for Electricity Regulatory Authority of Sudan;
c. review the annual report of activities and the effectiveness of RAERESA; and
d. facilitate information sharing among the members of RAERESA on energy regulatory issues.

Attendance

2. The Meeting was attended by the following:

a. **Full Members of RAERESA:** the Agency for Regulation of Water, Electricity and Mining (AREEM) of the Republic of Burundi; Electric Utility and Consumer Protection Regulatory Agency of the Arab Republic of Egypt; Energy Regulatory Authority of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; Energy Regulatory Commission of the Republic of Kenya; Electricity Regulation Office of the Republic of Madagascar; Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Malawi; the Utility Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Mauritius; Seychelles Energy Commission of the Republic of Seychelles; Electricity Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Sudan; and Energy Regulation Board of the Republic of Zambia.

b. **Associate Members of RAERESA:** Ministry of Production, Environment, Energy, Industry and Handicrafts of the Union of Comoros; Ministry of Water Resources and Electricity of the Democratic Republic of Congo; and Ministry of Energy in charge of Natural Resources, Republic of Djibouti.

3. The list of participants is attached as Annex VI to this report.

A. OPENNING – AGENDA ITEM 1

4. Dr. Mohamedain E. Seif Elnasr, Chief Executive Officer a.i. of RAERESA welcome the Members, Associate members of RAERESA, Observers and invited guests to the Eighth Annual General Meeting (AGM). He indicated that energy should be identified as the heart and the soul of social and economic development. He further indicated that high energy consumption had been traditionally associated with higher quality of life. He then indicated that COMESA had identified energy as a priority sector which should deserve special attention.

5. Dr. Seif Elnasr pointed out that, in order to enhance energy security, accessibility, affordability and reliability, COMESA had established a number of specialized institutions such the Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA), the Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP) and COMESA had also developed and adopted the COMESA Model Energy Policy Framework which had introduced reforms in the energy sector.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ORGANISATION OF WORK – AGENDA ITEM 2

6. The Meeting considered and adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of the Work
3. Consideration of the Report of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of RAERESA
4. Reports by the Portfolio Committees of RAERESA
5. Status of Implementation of RAERESA's Business Plan 2017 – 2021
6. Presentation on the Project on Enhancement of a Sustainable Regional Energy Market for Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) Region
7. Financial Position of RAERESA
8. Consideration of Applications for the Membership of the Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA)
9. Consideration of the Proposed Amendments to Sub-Articles Under Article 7 (Structure of RAERESA) of RAERESA Constitution
10. Election of the Chairperson of the Plenary and the Chairpersons of the Portfolio Committees
11. Consideration of Membership Application for the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER)
12. Consideration of RAERESA's Logo
13. Any Other Business
14. Peer Review Programme for Electricity Regulatory Authority of Sudan
15. Adoption of the Report and Closure of the Meeting

Organisation of Work

7. The Meeting adopted the following working hours:

Wednesday, 19th September 2018

Morning	-	09.00 – 13.00 hours
Afternoon	-	14.00 – 16.30 hours

Thursday, 20th September 2018

Morning	-	08.00 – 14.30 hours report writing
Afternoon	-	15.00 – 17.00 adoption of the report

C. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF RAERESA – AGENDA ITEM 3

8. Dr. Mohamedain E. Seif Elnasr, the Chief Executive Officer ad. interim of RAERESA, presented the Report of the 11th Meeting of the Executive Committee. The meeting considered the report and the discussions and recommendations are outlined below.

9. The meeting noted that the Executive Committee of RAERESA held a meeting on 18th September 2018. The Meeting further noted that the objectives of the meeting were to review the annual report of activities as well as the effectiveness of RAERESA in order to facilitate the implementation of RAERESA's work programme.

10. The meeting further noted that the Executive Committee discussed the Reports by the following Portfolio Committees: Electricity, Renewable Energy, and Environment and Energy Efficiency. This was a substantive agenda item for consideration by the meeting.

11. The meeting also noted that the Executive Committee thoroughly discussed the status of implementation of RAERESA's Business Plan 2017 – 2021, the Project on Enhancement of a Sustainable Regional Energy Market for Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) Region, financial position of RAERESA, applications for the membership of the RAERESA, proposed amendments to Sub-Articles under Article 7 (Structure of RAERESA) of RAERESA Constitution, election of the Chairperson of the Plenary and the Chairpersons of the Portfolio Committees, membership application for the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) and RAERESA's Logo. These were substantive agenda items for consideration by the meeting.

Report on Establishment of Dedicated Secretariat for the Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA)

12. The meeting was informed that the process to establish a dedicated Secretariat for the Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA) had so far culminated in the following:

a. appointment of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) ad. interim
b. development, adoption and operationalization of RAERESA strategic and business plans;
c. endorsement of members' contribution formula within the framework of a sustainable funding model;
d. invoices and request for remittance of RAERESA 2018 annual member contributions were sent to members awaiting funds to be transferred to RAERESA's account number (annual contributions have been received from some countries); and
e. acquisition of office space at the COMESA Secretariat.

13. The meeting was further informed that RAERESA had been identified to lead and to undertake the overall coordination of the implementation of the European Union funded project on enhancement of a sustainable regional energy market in the Eastern Africa, Southern Africa

and Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) region, under 11th European Development Fund (EDF) Regional Indicative Programme.

14. The meeting noted that the project had branded RAERESA as a leading association of energy regulators in Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and Indian ocean region. The meeting further noted that the identification of RAERESA by COMESA to lead the coordination of this project would demonstrate the critical role of RAERESA in implementation the COMESA energy programme.

15. The meeting underscored that the role of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of RAERESA is critical in supporting RAERESA's role in implementing the road map agreed by its members, to facilitate the attainment of RAERESA's mission and objectives and to underscore the need to have dedicated coordination.

16. In this regard, the meeting expected that the CEO a.i. would facilitate the process of migration to a dedicated RAERESA Secretariat and completion of the transitional arrangements. The meeting also affirmed that members of RAERESA were very committed to fulfil their commitments to enable RAERESA to have full-fledged Secretariat.

17. Moreover, the meeting noted that the CEO a.i. should facilitate the following in the next period:

a. implementation of the project on enhancement of sustainable regional energy market in the EA-SA-IO region, which is European Union funded project and that RAERESA has the overall responsibility of managing the entire programme;
b. organization of the meetings of the governance organs of RAERESA;
c. follow up the annual member contribution with members of RAERESA; and
d. draft Staff Rules and Regulations of RAERESA Secretariat.

18. The meeting also noted that activities which would be undertaken by the CEO a.i. would culminate in the following deliverables:

a. finalization of arrangements to establish a dedicated RAERESA Secretariat;
b. sustainable financing arrangements in place; and
c. fast-track the implementation of project on enhancement of a sustainable regional energy market in the Eastern, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) region.

19. It is also worth noting that COMESA Secretariat is currently meeting the cost of the Chief Executive Officer ad.interim.

Decisions

20. ***The meeting approved the following:***

a. ***RAERESA to start meeting the payment of the Chief Executive Officer of RAERESA from June 2019;***
b. ***The Chief Executive Officer ad. interim be confirmed as Chief Executive Officer until July 2021 when the European Union funded project on enhancement of a sustainable regional energy market in the Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) region closes.***

Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between COMESA and the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)

21. The meeting was informed that RAERESA and the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) had initiated discussions with the intention to facilitate the implementation of the European Union Funded Programme on Enhancement of a Sustainable Energy Market in Eastern Africa-Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) Region. The meeting was further informed that the framework for such a collaboration and a cooperation could be a Memorandum of Understanding MoU. The scope of RAERESA's collaboration with CEER under the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was primarily to facilitate capacity building in the Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (EA-SI-AO) region, in accordance with the objectives of the European Development Fund (EDF) Programme on Enhancement of a Sustainable Regional Energy Market in Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean Region (EA-SA-IO) Region.

22. The meeting was further informed that the capacity building programme might include twining arrangements, best practice sharing and replication as well as peer review programmes for EA-SA-IO Member State regulators. Given that specific needs may be different from one Member State to another, multilateral capacity building could be required to cover some weaknesses in certain regulatory agencies. This typically involve short-term training, workshops or study visits to the CEER office in Brussels and/or to RAERESA countries. The areas of focus include independent regulation, and market liberalization models and access for independent power producers. However, the meeting was informed that the primary areas of collaboration, support and assistance could be in the form of trainings, workshops or study tours and may include, but is not be limited to, the following:

a. exchange of knowledge and experience in regional regulatory institutional organisation and mandate;
b. exchange of knowledge and experience in enhancement of sustainable and competitive regional energy markets;
c. study visits by policy makers and technical experts intended for exchange of experience and identification of appropriate areas of cooperation;
d. facilitation of appropriate placements and secondments of technical staff for capacity building;
e. co-operation in research and development activities as well as professional skills improvement and training;
f. technical support in developing regulations and guidelines for power trading, market rules as well as monitoring and enforcement modalities;
g. exchange of knowledge and experience on good practices for transparency, governance and consumer protection; and
h. any other energy regulatory related matters of mutual benefits to the Parties.

23. The Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) is a non-profit organization headquartered in Brussels, Belgium which was formally established under Belgian law in 2003 with the objectives of facilitating cooperation among Europe's energy regulators and promoting a single competitive, efficient and sustainable EU Internal Energy Market in consumer interests. It acts as the voice of Europe's National Energy Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) with 36 members and observers. These members and observers are the independent statutory National Energy Regulatory Authorities across Europe. In terms of policy, CEER actively promotes an investment friendly, harmonised regulatory environment and the consistent application of

existing EU legislation. A key objective of CEER is to facilitate the creation of a single, competitive, efficient and sustainable Internal Energy Market that works in consumer interests.

24. In this regard, the meeting agreed that RAERESA to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) whose primary objective is to facilitate capacity building in the Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (EA-SI-AO) region, in accordance with the objectives of the European Development Fund (EDF) Action Programme on Enhancement of a Sustainable Regional Energy

Decision

25. ***The meeting decided that RAERESA should sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) whose primary objective is to facilitate capacity building in the Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (EA-SI-AO) region, in accordance with the objectives of the European Development Fund (EDF) Action Programme on Enhancement of a Sustainable Regional Energy Market.***

26. Draft MoU between RAERESA and the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) is attached as Annex I of this report.

Training on Power Sector Reform and Regulation

27. The meeting noted the Project on Enhancement of a Sustainable Regional Energy Market in Eastern Africa, Southern Africa, and Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) Region and with funding from the 11th European Development Fund planned to facilitate the participation of some members of staff regulatory bodies in the region in some training courses. These training courses are as follows:

a. executive training on managing power sector reform and regulation, Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town, South Africa, 8 -12 October 2018;
b. training on the regulation of energy utilities, Florence, Italy 1 October to 7 June 2018; and
c. an intensive two-week programme specifically tailored to the professional needs of utility regulators, policymakers; Public Utility Research Center (PURC) at the University of Florida, USA, January 14 - 25, 2019, deadline for application is 2nd November 2018

28. The main objective for facilitating these training course is to strengthen the capacities of regulatory authorities so that they can continue playing their role in developing a stable, predictable, transparent and harmonized energy regulatory environment, and bolstering good governance in the regional power sector in order to improve the investment climate and develop an efficient as well as sustainable energy market.

29. The specific objectives of the training include the following:

a. to enable participants to understand the physical and institutional structure of the electricity sector;
b. to gain knowledge on the fundamental principles of regulation and competition policy;
c. create an environment of productive discussion and interaction with top professionals from a wide range of institutions involved in the regulation of energy sectors globally; and

a. facilitate the growth of a fruitful professional network among participants and instructors.

30. The meeting was informed that the three Associations of Energy Regulators in Eastern Africa-Southern Africa and Indian Ocean region, namely Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA) of COMESA, Regional Electricity Regulators Association of Southern Africa (RERA) of SADC and Energy Regulators Association of East Africa (EREA) of EAC, should identify 4 candidates each, to participate in these training courses.

31. Table 1 below shows the allocation of candidates from the members of Association of Energy Regulators to these training courses.

Table 1: Allocation of Candidates

	RAERESA	RERA	EREA
1. Training on the regulation of energy utilities, Florence School of Regulation, Italy 1 October to 7 June 2019			2 candidates: Rwanda Tanzania
2.Executive training on managing power sector reform and regulation, Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town, 8 -12 October 2018.		2 candidates 2 Botswana	2 candidates Burundi Zanzibar
3. Public Utility Research Center (PURC) at the University of Florida, USA, January 14 - 25, 2019, deadline for application is 2nd November 2018.	4 candidates	2 candidates	
Total Number	4 candidates	4 candidates	4 candidates

32. RAERESA is, therefore, requested to identify 4 candidates to participate in training course of Public Utility Research Center (PURC) at the University of Florida, USA, January 14 - 25, 2019, deadline for application is 2nd November 2018.

33. In this regard, the meeting agreed that Ethiopia, Seychelles, Uganda and Zimbabwe be identified to participate in training course of PURC at the University of Florida, USA. The meeting also agreed that the Secretariat to liaise with Public Utility Research Center (PURC) at the University of Florida, USA, to explore the possibility of organizing this training in one of the COMESA countries. This will give an opportunity allow to have more Member States participation in the training.

34. The meeting further noted the following:

a) that to allow for maximum participation of Member States in capacity building programmes, RAERESA should explore the possibility of arranging for reputable training programmes to be undertaken locally within the COMESA region; and
b) that the National Regulatory Institutions that were selected to provide suitable candidates to undergo training at the University of Florida in January 2019, were first and foremost members of RAERESA. The other considerations taken into account were to ensure regional balancing and to cater for capacity building needs for newly established Regulators.

Decision

35. ***The meeting approved that RAERESA should identify four (4) candidates from Ethiopia, Seychelles, Uganda and Zimbabwe to participate in training course of Public Utility Research Center (PURC) at the University of Florida, USA, commencing in January 14 - 25, 2019.***

D. REPORTS BY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES OF RAERESA – AGENDA ITEM 4

36. The Chairpersons of the Portfolio Committees on: Electricity; Renewable Energy; and Environment and Energy Efficiency, of RAERESA presented reports of their respective Portfolio Committee which outlined the status of implementation of some activities.

Report by the Portfolio Committee on Electricity

37. Engineer Hatem Waheed, Managing Director, Egyptian Electric Utility and Consumer Protection Regulatory Agency of the Republic of Egypt and the current Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Electricity of RAERESA presented the report of then Portfolio Committee on Electricity of RAERESA.

38. In this regard, Eng. Waheed presented the regulatory benchmarking questionnaire for COMESA regulators. The objective of the questionnaire is to provide efficiency signals for operation and investment; flexibility, stability and effectiveness; adequate response to market changes; and symmetry of risks and opportunities for the regulated agent. The questionnaire outlines several questions in several areas namely, legal status; independence; competences; internal organization, resources and capacity; procedures for core regulatory activities; international activities; enforcement; and accountability.

39. The main objective of the study is to draft guidelines presenting the minimum competences required to have independent Energy Regulatory authorities throughout the COMESA countries. The meeting noted that a second task might be a drafting of a Memorandum of Understanding on institutional issues, identification of the basic criteria required to implement a shared regulatory system in the COMESA area, which would mean that a draft MoU on the minimum competences and organizational structure of COMESA regulatory authorities.

40. The meeting agreed that this questionnaire should be circulated to Member States to provide information on their regulatory benchmarking and submit the completed questionnaire to Egypt and the Secretariat.

41. The meeting also noted that, in order to avoid duplication of efforts, the Portfolio Committee should consider other similar works that had already been completed such the African Development Bank (AfDB) report on electricity regulatory index in Africa. The meeting agreed that this report should be circulated to members of RAERESA. The meeting was informed that through the ESREM Project, a detailed gap analysis for capacity building needs would be concluded in 2018

Decisions

42. ***The meeting decided that the questionnaire on regulatory benchmarking should be circulated to Member States by end of October 2018 to provide information on their regulatory benchmarking and that Member States should submit the completed questionnaire to Egypt and the Secretariat by end of November 2018.***

43. The regulatory benchmarking questionnaire for COMESA regulators is attached as Annex II of this report.

Joint Report by the Portfolio Committee on Renewable Energy and the Portfolio Committee on Environment and Energy Efficiency

44. Mr. Getahun Moges, Director General of Energy Regulatory Authority of Ethiopia and the current Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Renewable Energy of RAERESA presented a joint report by the Portfolio Committee on Renewable Energy and the Portfolio Committee on Environment and Energy Efficiency.

45. He informed the meeting that the Portfolio Committee on Environment and Energy Efficiency and the Portfolio Committee on Renewable Energy held a joint meeting with the Collaborative Labelling and Appliance Standards Programme (CLASP) in Lusaka, Zambia on 30th April 2018 to discusses potential areas of cooperation and collaboration between the two parties. The meeting was also attended by COMESA Secretariat and the European Union Delegation (EUD) to the Republic of Zambia and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

46. The meeting noted that the objective of COMESA/RAERESA meeting with CLASP included the following:

a. chart the way forward on the future of cooperation and collaboration between COMESA/RAERESA on energy efficiency issues;
b. discuss the concept note on supporting the development and implementation of an appliance standards & labelling programme in COMESA.

47. The meeting noted that COMESA/RAERESA meeting agreed as follows:

a. COMESA/REARESA to consider future engagements with CLASP especially concerning the implementation of surveys on the status of member states energy efficiency program's; and
b. CLASP to submit a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to COMESA for review.

48. The meeting further noted that CLASP submitted the draft MoU to COMESA/RAERESA. The draft MoU is being cleared by COMESA Legal and Corporate Affairs Division.

49. The mission of the Collaborative Labelling and Appliance Standards Programme (CLASP), a USA based organization, is to improve the energy and environmental performance of the appliances & equipment which are used every day, accelerating the transition to a more sustainable world.

50. The Meeting was further informed that CLASP would always endeavour to achieve its Mission by the following activities:

a. Energy and Quality Standards to keep inefficient, low-quality products off the market;
b. Policy Compliance, Testing and Quality Assurance to ensure products perform and markets are fair to all;
c. Product Labeling & Consumer Education to attract consumers to good products and inspire demand;
d. Awards and Product Recognition to reward early-movers and accelerate markets;
e. Procurement, Incentives and Bulk Buys to incentivize innovative manufacturers, reduce risks for all & saturate markets with efficient, high quality products; and
f. Global Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing to leverage cutting edge and collective knowledge and forge productive partnerships.

51. Mr. Moges informed the meeting that RAERESA also held two meetings with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) on 13th July 2018 and 31st August 2018 to discuss potential areas of cooperation and collaboration between the two parties on energy efficiency programmes on building, transport and industry.

52. As next steps, the meeting noted that RAERESA and RMI agreed as follows:

a. RAERESA will share the Status Report on Energy Efficiency and Environment in the Electricity Sector, RMI will review this and other relevant documents;
b. RMI will prepare a draft MoU to be sent to RAERESA for approval and signing;
c. RMI will prepare a more detailed project proposal and a rough outline of project costs;
d. RAERESA to evaluate the possibility of financing through the EU EDF11 project;
e. RMI to approach USAID and COMESA to approach the EU Delegation or EU TAF for informal; discussions on the possibility of future funding for this program; and
f. RMI to develop a brief document describing the collaboration envisaged with EACREEE and SACREEE; after approval by RAERESA, this should be the basis of further engagement.

53. The meeting further noted that noted RMI submitted the draft MoU to COMESA/RAERESA. The draft MoU is being cleared by COMESA Legal and Corporate Affairs Division.

54. Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), a USA based organization, is an independent non-profit dedicated to transforming global energy use to create a clean, prosperous, and secure future. Its Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (SEED) programme in sub-Saharan Africa collaborates closely with governments to give them ownership and control of their own energy

future. The SEED initiative is funded by The Rockefeller Foundation, Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Unite and the Global Environmental Facility (GEF).

Decisions

55. ***The meeting decided that COMESA/RAERESA should sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Collaborative Labelling and Appliance Standards Programme (CLASP) and with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) to facilitate collaboration and cooperation between/among the parties on energy efficiency programme.***

56. The draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU): with the Collaborative Labelling and Appliance Standards Programme (CLASP) and with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) are attached as Annex III and IV of this report.

E. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF RAERESA'S BUSINESS PLAN 2017 – 2021 - AGENDA ITEM 5

57. The COMESA Chief of Strategic planning made a presentation to the meeting. It was observed that it should be imperative that energy sector be boosted to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

58. The presentation highlighted that that access to energy should be very crucial to the realisation of Continental Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) particularly SDG number 7, the Agenda 2063 flagship programmes and AfDB High 5 plus the COMESA Medium Term Strategic Plan. It was observed that the COMESA, EAC and SADC Tripartite agenda was undertaking the Developmental integration approach that focuses on Market Integration, Infrastructure development and Industrialisation. Energy, therefore, is critical as an enabler and central for reducing the cost of doing business, unlocking economic potential and creating jobs. Energy access for all is one of the key drivers of inclusive growth as it creates opportunities across economic sectors.

59. Specifically, COMESA has implemented the COMESA energy strategy focusing on:

a. setting up an enabling policy environment, facilitating the formulation of model laws, regulations and guidelines;
b. supporting Regulatory Agencies for project design and implementation;
c. technical backstopping to increase the number of bankable energy projects; and
d. accelerating major regional projects to drive integration such as Zambia-Tanzania-Kenya (ZTK) power interconnector project and Eastern Africa Power Pool.

60. RAERESA has been instrumental in Rresource mobilisation, capacity building, coordination and facilitating production of policy responsive statistics.

61. In the discussion that followed it was observed that energy sector will help the continent achieve universal electricity access by 2025 with a strong focus on encouraging clean and renewable energy solutions.

F. PRESENTATION ON THE PROJECT ON ENHANCEMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL ENERGY MARKET FOR EASTERN AFRICA, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND INDIAN OCEAN (EA-SA-IO) REGION - AGENDA ITEM 6

62. A presentation on the project on Enhancement of a Sustainable Regional Energy Market in Eastern-Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) Region was made to the meeting.

63. The Enhancement of a Sustainable Regional Energy Market in Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean Region (EA-SA-IO) is a European Union (EU) funded programme which commenced activities on 31st May 2017, under the 11th EDF cross-regional envelop on soft infrastructure support on energy.

64. The project focuses mainly on the electricity sector and is relevant for the Agenda 2030. It contributes primarily to the progressive achievement of:

a. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7 of ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;
b. SDG 5 of achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls and
c. SDG 12 of ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns.

65. The programme spans for a period of 48 months (4 years), with a total allocation of Euro 7 million.

66. The Overall Objective of the action is to enhance a sustainable regional energy market in the EA-SA-IO, which is conducive to investment and promoting sustainable development. The specific objectives of the Action are to achieve an enhanced harmonized, efficient and gender-sensitive regulatory environment in the EA-SA-IO region; and capacitate regional regulatory associations and power pools to more effectively oversee and stimulate increased regional power trade.

67. Specific actions of the project are to:

a. develop regionally harmonized regulatory frameworks to nurture a regional energy market that is efficient, sustainable, harmonised and able to attract investments as well as promote universal access;
b. develop frameworks that enhance efficient energy management from the supply and demand side;
c. develop model frameworks that enhance the integration of gender perspectives in energy policy and regulation;
d. enhance the capacity of regulators in providing and enforcing regulations that enhance the regional market; and
e. enhance the renewable energy regulatory frameworks to promote investment in renewable energy.

68. The beneficiaries of the Programme include all the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean region including their energy regulatory associations and power pools. These include:

a. Regional Economic Communities: Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), East Africa Community (EAC), Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and Southern African Development Community (SADC);

b. Energy Regulatory Associations: Regional Association of Energy Regulators in Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA), Regional Electricity Regulators Association of Southern Africa (RERA) and Energy Regulators Association of East Africa (EREA) and Independent Regulatory Board (IRB) of the Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP);
c. Power Pools: Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP), Southern Africa Power Pool (SAPP); and
d. Other stakeholders include: East African Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (EACREEE) and the SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE).

69. Expected Results of the project include the following:

Result 1: a regionally harmonized energy regulatory and policy framework that integrates gender perspectives adopted by regional regulatory institutions, with emphasis on cross border issues to encourage investments in the region. Domestication of regional regulations by some countries on a demand driven basis supported.

Result 2: enhancement of regulatory capacity of the National Regulatory Authorities and strengthening capacity of the Regional Associations (RAERESA and RERA) and Power Pools (EAPP and SAPP) so that they can proactively influence developments in the energy sector.

Result 3: enhancement of renewable energy (RES) and energy efficiency (EE) strategy, policies, regulatory guidelines and actions to promote energy efficiency and facilitate investments as well as build capacity for renewable energy in the region.

70. Based on the above, the meeting noted that several activities were implemented during the first First-Year Work Plan from August 2017 to August 2018.

71. The meeting noted that the Year 2 Work Plan for the Project would cover the period commencing 1st June 2018 to 31st December 2019. The budget for the planning period is estimated at Euro 2,595,331.

G. FINANCIAL POSITION OF RAERESA - AGENDA ITEM 7

72. The meeting took note that the RAERESA budget according to Article 8 of the Constitution should be made up of the following sources:

a. contribution from members;
b. grant funding; and
c. special funding from COMESA.

73. In this regard, table 2 below summarizes the status of funding support from Cooperating Partners, COMESA Secretariat and Member contribution.

Table 2: status of funding support from Cooperating Partners, COMESA Secretariat and Member contributions (in USD)

Year	2017	2018	Total	% share of budget
Cooperating Partners	1,881,839	-	1,881,839	87%
COMESA Secretariat	205,100	-	205,100	9%
Member States	-	81,582	81,582	4%
TOTAL	2,086,939	81,582	2,168,521	100%

For purposes of Holistic reporting the amounts (ESREM funding and COMESA contribution) are translated into USD from EURO in this report at the rate of 1.172 US/EU

74. The meeting recalled that RAERESA established a contribution formula which should ensure all members contribute on a sustainable basis to the operations and the programmes of the Association.

75. Table 3 below shows the status of remittances on Member contributions (USD) as at 13th September 2018.

Table 3: Status of Remittances on Member Contributions (USD) as at 13th September 2018

Member state	2018 Contribution			Total Amounts Due	Analysis of Total Due	Total Received in 2018
	Invoice Amount	Interest (1%)on unpaid balance at 31.12.18	Receipts		Between 0 - 1 year	
Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4	Col 5 = Col (2+3+4)	Col 6= (2+3+4)	
Egypt	8,186		-	8,186	8,186	-
Ethiopia	7,562		-	7,562	7,562	-
Kenya	16,225		(16,225)	(0)	(0)	(16,225)
Madagascar	7,426		-	7,426	7,426	-
Rwanda	7,312			7,312	7,312	-
Seychelles	7,250		-	7,250	7,250	-
Sudan	7,758		(7,760)	(2)	(2)	(7,760)
Zimbabwe	19,864		-	19,864	19,864	-
TOTAL	81,582	-	(23,985)	57,598	57,598	23,985)

76. The meeting observed that funding from the European Union through the 11 EDF ESREM project had been the major source of funding of the work programme for the initiatives of RAERESA and this support was programmed for implementation up to 2021.

77. Currently RAERESA only has one full staff member, this being the Chief Executive Officer who is financed by funding from COMESA.

78. The Project Management Unit for the 11th EDF ESREM Project is currently supporting the implementation of the RAERESA activities and is financed by the European Union.

79. Based on the above, the meeting agreed that RAERESA should endeavour to run its own Secretariat in terms of personnel and other logistical issue from 2019 and hence

RAERESA member contributions would be expected to cater for the cost of operations as of 2019.

80. The budget allocation for the implementation of the RAERESA Programmes for the period 31 May 2017 to 31 December 2018 are shown in table 4 below.

Table 4: Budget allocation for Programme implementation in USD

Budget Item	11 EDF ESREM	COMESA Secretariat	Member Contributions	Total Budget
Reinforcement of capacity of RAERESA		205,100		205,100
Member Contribution				
Egypt			8,185	8,185
Ethiopia			7,562	7,562
Kenya			16,224	16,224
Madagascar			7,426	7,426
Rwanda			7,312	7,312
Seychelles			7,250	7,250
Sudan			7,759	7,759
Zimbabwe			19,864	19,864
Technical Assistance and Personnel	808,680			808,680
Programme Implementation & Management	719,227			719,227
Administration	236,732			236,732
Communication and Visibility	58,600			58,600
Audits, Monitoring and Evaluation	58,600			58,600
GRAND TOTAL	1,881,839	205,100	81,582	2,168,521

81. Out of the budget, 2018 funds received are as indicated in table 5 below.

Table 5: 2018 Funding received in USD

Funding Source	Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Outstanding Amounts
	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3= [Col 1 - Col 2]
11 EDF ESREM Project	1,881,839	1,881,839	-
COMESA Secretariat	205,100	205,100	-
RAERESA Member Contributions	81,582	23,985	57,597
Total	**2,168,521**	**2,110,924**	**57,597**

82. The meeting agreed that a strategy to enhance contribution from cooperating partners and members (potentially 21 members) should be put in place.

83. The meeting was assured that COMESA would continue to support the payment of the CEO up to May 2019, while the 11th EDF would support the other members of staff up to 2021.

84. More over the meeting was also assured that COMESA would continue to support RAERESA beyond 2019 through administrative support but that it was important for RAERESA to take steps towards autonomy, on the understanding that Members should meet their obligations.

85. The meeting stressed the need for the Chairperson of RAERESA to attend the COMESA Council of Ministers in November 2018 to submit a request to the Council for consideration for continued support to RAERESA until the Association is able to sustain its operations. The meeting also agreed that as a way of moving towards its autonomy and sustainability, it is important that the Association develops its own financial and administrative legal instrument such as Financial Regulations, Staff Rules and Regulations and Procurement Rules.

86. The meeting also noted the following:

a. that only two countries had paid their 2018 contribution obligation and an appeal was made that all members meet their obligations;
b. that members who had not submitted their budgets should do so to enable the RAERESA Secretariat assess and prepare invoices; to enable payments of contributions
c. that an alternative strategy should be put in place to ensure financial sustainability for RARESA; and
d. that although COMESA was committed to continue supporting RAERESA beyond June 2019, there was need to ensure that members played their role by paying their contribution dues.

Decision

87. ***The meeting agreed to adopt the report on the financial position of RAERESA.***

H. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (RAERESA) - AGENDA ITEM 8

88. The meeting recalled the decision of the Thirty Seventh Meeting of the COMESA Council of Ministers held in November 2017 in Lusaka, Zambia which endorsed the decision of

the Tenth Meeting of Infrastructure Ministers responsible for Transport, Communications, Information Technology and Energy held in October 2017 in Lusaka, Zambia that Mauritius, Swaziland and Zambia be urged to acquire full membership status of RAERESA as soon as possible.

89. In this regard, the meeting noted that the Secretariat had officially invited the observers to join RAERESA as per the Decision of the Thirty-Seven Meeting of the COMESA Council of Ministers.

90. In response to the Ministers' decision on the matter and the invitation that was sent by the Secretariat, the meeting was informed that Burundi, Mauritius and Zambia had formally communicated the decision of the Agency for Regulation of Water, Electricity and Mining of the Republic of Burundi, the Utility Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Mauritius and Energy Regulation Board of the Republic of Zambia to be full members of the RAERESA.

91. Based on the above, the meeting agreed to approve the full membership requests of the Agency for Regulation of Water, Electricity and Mining of the Republic of Burundi, the Utility Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Mauritius and Energy Regulation Board of the Republic of Zambia to RAERESA, as membership is open to energy regulatory bodies in each Member State within COMESA region.

92. The meeting requested the representatives of the Agency for Regulation of Water, Electricity and Mining of the Republic of Burundi, the Utility Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Mauritius and Energy Regulation Board of the Republic of Zambia, to reconfirm their desire to become full members of RAERESA which they did.

93. Based on the above, the Meeting Chairman called for objections if any for the admission of Burundi, Mauritius and Zambia as full members of RAERESA and no objection was raised. The meeting, therefore, agreed unanimously that the Agency for Regulation of Water, Electricity and Mining of the Republic of Burundi, the Utility Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Mauritius and Energy Regulation Board of the Republic of Zambia respectively become full members of RAERESA.

94. The Meeting further requested Burundi, Mauritius and Zambia, Seychelles and Zimbabwe to nominate their respective officials to the Portfolio Committees of RAERESA.

Decision:

95. ***The Meeting approved the full membership requests of the Agency for Regulation of Water, Electricity and Mining of the Republic of Burundi, the Utility Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Mauritius and Energy Regulation Board of the Republic of Zambia to RAERESA.***

I. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SUB-ARTICLES UNDER ARTICLE 7 (STRUCTURE OF RAERESA) OF RAERESA CONSTITUTION - AGENDA ITEM 9

96. The meeting recalled the decision of the Seventh Annual General Meeting of RAERESA held in Lusaka, Zambia on 19 – 20 January 2017 that the Constitution of RAERESA should be amended to allow the adoption of the new structure with restructured Portfolio Committees to be

service based rather than industry based, to reflect the mandate and strategic goals of RAERESA and to take into consideration these new developments in the energy sector.

97. The decision which is indicated in the paragraph which is mentioned above entails that paragraph (i) of Sub-Article 7.4, "the Portfolio Committees" be amended to reflect the decision which is mentioned above and to take into consideration the adopted RAEREAS Strategic Plan.

98. Paragraph (i) of Sub-Article 7.4, is, therefore, proposed to read as follows: "there shall be Portfolio Committees on Capacity Building, Information Exchange, Energy Statistics and Database; Harmonization of Legal and Regulatory Frameworks; Renewable Energy; and Environment and Energy Efficiency".

99. The meeting also noted that the same Annual General Meeting of RAERESA held in Lusaka, Zambia in January 2017 decided that membership to the Executive Committee should be staggered to ensure smooth transition and institutional memory, furthermore some members, without portfolio should be added to the Executive Committee.

100. The decision which is indicated in the paragraph which is mentioned above entails that paragraph (iii) of Sub-Article 7.3 "the Executive Committee" be amended to reflect the decision which is mentioned above.

101. Paragraph (iii) of Article 7.3 is, therefore, proposed to read as follows: "the Chairperson of the Plenary, the Chairpersons of the four Portfolio Committees and one Member without portfolio shall constitute the Executive Committee of RAERESA".

102. Sub-Article 7.5 (ii) of the Constitution of RAERESA provides that the RAERESA Secretariat shall consist of an Executive Secretary and other staff as may be determined by the Executive Committee. In this regard, the meeting noted the proposal that the title of the Executive Secretary could be amended to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in order to align it with other COMESA specialized institutions and other similar regional bodies which use the title CEO for this position.

103. The meeting agreed that article 5 (functions), (x) be reviewed to take on board an enhanced mandate of RAERESA in terms of regional energy programme oversight. The meeting proposed that Sub-Article 5 (x) should read as follows: "Promote, where necessary, the establishment and development of regional regulations, norms, programmes and standards for the energy demand and supply side across the COMESA region, including (but not limited) to energy efficiency, environmental and safety regulations and monitor/oversee the implementation thereof".

104. Based on the above, and after thorough discussions, the meeting agreed to amend the Constitution of RAERESA to include the amendments mentioned above.

Decisions

105. ***The meeting made the following decisions:***

a. ***Paragraph (i) of Sub-Article 7.4, of the Constitution of RAERESA should read as follows: "there shall be Portfolio Committees on Capacity Building, Information Exchange, Energy Statistics and Database; Harmonization of Legal and***

Regulatory Frameworks; Renewable Energy; and Environment and Energy Efficiency";

b. *Paragraph (iii) of Article 7.3, of the Constitution of RAERESA should read as follows: "the Chairperson of the Plenary, the Chairpersons of the four Portfolio Committees and one Member without portfolio shall constitute the Executive Committee of RAERESA";*
c. *the title of the Executive Secretary be amended to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in order to align it with other COMESA specialized institutions and other similar regional bodies which use the title CEO for this position, in this regard, all the paragraphs of the Constitution of RAERESA which contains Executive Secretary should be replaced by Chief Executive Officer; and*
d. *Article 5 (functions), (x) be reviewed to read: "establishment and development of regional regulations, norms, programmes and standards for energy demand and supply side across the COMESA region, including (but not limited) to energy efficiency, environmental and safety regulations and monitor/oversee the implementation thereof".*

106. The amended Constitution of RAERESA is attached as Annex V of this report.

J. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PLENARY AND THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES - AGENDA ITEM 10

107. In line with Article 7 of the Constitution on "Structure of RAERESA", 7.2 "the Plenary" which provides that" the Plenary shall elect a Chairperson for a term of two years on rotational basis, who shall chair meetings of the plenary". Noting that the Plenary is the supreme authority of RAERESA. In this regard, the AGM resolved as follows after a democratic election process was undertaken:

Decision

108. **The Meeting elected:**

a. *Kenya as Chair of the Plenary; and*
b. *the following Portfolio Committees Chairs:*

- *Zambia as Chair of Portfolio Committee on Capacity Building, Information Exchange, Energy Statistics and Database;*
- *Egypt as Chair of Portfolio Committee on Harmonization of Legal and Regulatory Frameworks;*
- *Ethiopia as Chair of Portfolio Committee on Renewable Energy;*
- *Seychelles as Chair of Portfolio Committee on Environment and Energy Efficiency; and*

c. - Sudan *as a Member of the Executive Committee without portfolio*

K. CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS (ICER) - AGENDA ITEM 11

109. The meeting was informed that RAERESA through the Project on Enhancement of a Sustainable Regional Energy Market in the Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean

(EA-SA-IO) Region had engaged the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) on its programme Women in Energy (WIE) to promote capacity building through mentorship in the region. WIE is aimed at facilitating exchanges among women in the region, career development support and creation of an avenue through which women will actively participate in the development and harmonization of the regional regulatory framework. Despite this engagement RAERESA is not yet a member of ICER.

110. The main areas of focus of ICER include benchmarking or surveys, position papers and studies, exchange programmes and professional training courses. ICER provides an information sharing platform among regulators as they face similar challenges, irrespective of their different national circumstances or regulatory arrangements. ICER allows the exchange of mutually beneficial information, including an increased awareness of trends in market designs, regulatory models, sustainability and security of supply.

111. ICER's membership includes over 200 energy regulatory authorities and spans 6 continents. There are 12 regional regulatory associations (RRAs) which make up ICER's membership. ICER provides structured contacts and cooperation between regulators, facilitating the exchange of information and best practices, fostering personal relations among regulators worldwide.

112. By joining ICER, the meeting was informed that RERESA would be exposed to opportunities to obtain first-hand knowledge and experience in international best practice through the following;

a. capacity building training programs run by ICER;
b. expertise from ICER in the form of workshops and other consultancy services;
c. exchange programmes;
d. mentorship arrangements in Women in Energy programmes; and
e. networking and sharing of best practices.

113. The meeting was further informed that ICER is a voluntary framework for cooperation between energy regulators from around the globe with a goal to improve public and policy maker awareness and understanding of energy regulation and play a role in addressing a wide spectrum of socio-economic, environmental and market issues. There will be no cost implications to RAERESA attached with ICER membership.

Decision

114. ***The meeting approved that RAERESA should join the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) to benefit from the programmes run by ICER.***

L. CONSIDERATION OF RAERESA'S LOGO - AGENDA ITEM 12

115. It has been established that a logo is the visual entity signifying any institution/organization and that logo design is an important area of graphic design. Moreover, it has also been established that a logo is always the central element of a complex identification system that must be functionally extended to all communications of institution/organization

116. In this regard, RAERESA Secretariat presented two proposed logos to the meeting to choose one of them to be the official logo of RAERESA. The meeting thoroughly discussed the

proposed logos and agreed that members be given two months' time to further improve the selected logo.

Decision

117. ***The meeting agreed that the Members be given two months to submit ideas to further improve the selected logo.***

M. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - AGENDA ITEM 13

Under any other business, delegates were given an opportunity to bring issues for further discussion. In this regard, delegates expressed their support to RAERESA and they all affirmed their commitment to RAERESA and they also gave some updates on their energy status in their respective countries.

N. PEER REVIEW PROGRAMME FOR ELECTRICITY REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF SUDAN - AGENDA ITEM 14

118. The meeting noted that RAERESA, the Regional Electricity Regulators Association of Southern Africa (RERA), Independent Regulatory Board of the Eastern Africa Power Pool (IRB) and the Energy Regulators Association of East Africa (EREA) under the facilitation of the European Union Funded Programme on Enhancement of a Sustainable Regional Energy Market in Eastern Africa, Southern and Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) Region with funding from the 11th European Development Fund had scheduled peer review programmes to commence in the month of September 2018.

119. The meeeting noted that the proposed peer review programme would, facilitate knowledge transfer and build the capacity in the members of RAERESA by giving them an opportunity to obtain regional best practice in regulating regional energy markets.

120. In this regard, the meeeting noted that the European Union funded Programme would seek to facilitate this knowledge transfer and build the capacity of members RAERESA by giving them an opportunity to obtain first-hand knowledge and experience of the process of establishing functional regional energy regulatory instruments focused on the legal and regulatory frameworks, institutional governance, operational and market aspects of regional energy markets.

121. Based on the above, the peer review programme for Electricity Regulatory Authority of Sudan was undertaken during the Eighth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of RAERESA on 20th September 2018

122. The meeting noted that within an agreed framework of the peer review programme, the following issues would be reviewed:

a. power sector reforms in Sudan;
b. market access, transmission codes and licensing;
c. Incentives for procurement of new power generation;
d. governance and regulatory independence;
e. accountability and dispute resolution;
f. gender mainstreaming; and
g. transparency and public perception.

123. The aim of the peer-review for Electricity Regulatory Authority of Sudan was to ensure that its regulatory process was benchmarked against best practices. The aim was also to identify gaps and shortcomings and make recommendations to improve the status of regulation in Sudan.

124. The meeting noted that the peer review for the Electricity Regulatory Authority of Sudan enhanced knowledge in regional best practice in regulating regional energy markets as well as strengthening co-operation with the other regulators in RAERESA.

125. It is envisaged that a sustained peer review process in the region will result in significant benefits for the region such as capacity building; information and experience exchange relating to promotion of renewable energy, regional power projects implementation and regulation, integration of gender perspectives, and management of the energy sector.

126. Based on the above, the meeting agreed that the peer-review report should be published and circulated to all the relevant stakeholders to contribute to the sharing of information and improve knowledge of regulatory matters in the EA-SA-IO region.

Decisions

127. ***The meeting resolved as follows:***

a. ***there was a need to review the COMESA energy Policy Framework to reflect changes in the energy sector;***
b. ***there was need to review Member State legislations to include the resolution of disputes by using the existing COMESA structures;***
c. ***there was need to explore other Peer Review methods with a view to improve RAERESA's peer review process to achieve maximum benefits of a peer review exercise; and***
d. ***the peer review should aim to promote best practices in National Regulatory Institutions.***

O. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING - AGENDA ITEM 15

Adoption of the Report

128. The meeting adopted the report with amendments.

Closing of the Meeting

129. In his closing remarks, the Chairperson of the Plenary of RAERESA Dr. Frederick Nyang from the Energy Regulatory Commission of the Republic of Kenya thanked the Members, Associate members of RAERESA, Observers and invited guests to the Eighth Annual General Meeting (AGM). He thanked the Government and people of the Republic of Sudan for the hospitality accorded to the delegates since their arrival in the beautiful city of Khartoum and for the excellent facilities that had been put at the disposal of the delegates.

130. Dr. Nyang indicated that development of energy infrastructure for power generation, transmission and distribution should remain one of the key priorities for the COMESA Member States.

131. In this regard, he indicated that the current total installed power generation capacity in the COMESA would be around 70,000 megawatts (MW). He further observed that thermal power generation dominated power generation in the region over the years. accounting for more than 70%. He then reported that the share of renewable energy increased from 1 per cent to 3 per cent due policy and regulatory reforms undertaken in many COMESA countries which were now bearing fruits and becoming prominent.

132. Ambassador Dr. Kipyego Cheluget, COMESA's Assistant Secretary General in Charge of Programmes COMESA delivered his remarks at the closing session of the 8th Annual General Meeting (AGM). In his closing remarks Ambassador Cheluget indicated that the presence of Chairperson, distinguished delegates and invited guests at the meeting was indeed a testimony to the importance of the occasion. He further indicated that this would also provide ample demonstration of the importance that all the participants would accord to the development of the Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA) and the energy sector within the COMESA region.

133. He underscored that regional integration, in today's world, should be one of the options available to generate sufficient economic activity, improve efficiency, heighten competition, attract investments, mitigate crisis, and thus create jobs and reduce poverty.

134. Ambassador Cheluget also highlighted that no single nation in Africa would be economically strong enough on its own and could not, therefore, prosper outside the framework of regional integration. In this regard, he advised countries to pool their resources together so that they should give their industries an opportunity to become regionally competitive which would, in turn, enable them to compete globally.

ANNEX IV

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