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Combined Meeting of the Portfolio Committees on Renewable Energy and Portfolio Committees on Environment and Energy Efficiency of the Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA)

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
3 March 2020

FINAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

1. The combined meeting of the the Portfolio Committees on Renewable Energy and Portfolio Committees on Environment and Energy Efficiency of the Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA) was held at Best Western Plus Hotel, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 3 March 2020. The main objective of the meeting was to review the annual report of activities and the effectiveness of RAERESA and to facilitate provision of guidance and support RAERESA towards a strategic, sustainable, integrated and coordinated governance.

2. The meeting was attended by Ethiopia, the current Chair of the Portfolio Committee on Renewable Energy; Seychelles, the current Chair of the Portfolio Committee on Environment and Energy Efficiency, Burundi, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Uganda and the RAERESA Secretariat.

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

A. OPENING – AGENDA ITEM 1

4. Ethiopia, which is the current Chair of the Portfolio Committee on Renewable Energy of RAERESA and host country, chaired the meeting. In his opening remarks, Mr Getahun Moges, Director General, Ethiopian Energy Authority welcomed the participants to the combined meeting of the Portfolio Committee on Renewable Energy and the Portfolio Committee on Environment and Energy Efficiency to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

5. In his opening remarks, Dr. Mohamedain E. Seif Elnasr, Chief Executive Officer of RAERESA also welcomed the participants to the combined meeting of the Portfolio Committee on Renewable Energy and the Portfolio Committee on Environment and Energy Efficiency to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and wished them a nice stay.

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – AGENDA ITEM 2

6. The Meeting considered and adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening Remarks
    a. Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee
    b. RAERESA Secretariat
2. Adoption of the Agenda and Organisation of Work
3. Presentation of Reports on the status of implementation of the Portfolio Committees Work Plan activities for 2019
4. Consideration of Planned Activities for 2020 under the RAERESA's Business Plan

5. Any Other Business

6. Adoption of the Report and Closure of the Meeting

A. REPORT ON the IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE WORK PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR 2019 - AGENDA ITEM 3

7. The meeting received updates on the implementation of the Portfolio Committee work plan for 2019.

8. In this regard, the meeting noted that the following key activities were implemented in 2019, among others:

a. The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Strategy and Action Plan (EA-SA-IO) was developed in 2019;
b. It noted that the REEESAP was the key overarching regional instrument that would provide guidance to the development of RE/EE strategies and action plans for MS and mobilization of additional finance for implementation of RE/EE projects;
c. It was noted that a Communication Strategy was developed and included as part of the REEESAP (EA-SA-IO) to ensure dissemination to the RECS, MS and specialized energy institutions; and
d. It was reported that the majority of the planned activities for 2019 have been scheduled to be implemented in 2020 under the ESREM Project under a framework consultancy firm.

9. The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Strategy and Action Plan (EA-SA-IO) report was considered for adoption and submission to the RAERESA Executive Committee for approval. The REEESAP (EA -SA-IO) is attached as Annex I to this report).

10. The implementation report for 2019 for both Portfolio committees was considered and adopted.

B. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2020 UNDER THE RAERESA'S BUSINESS PLAN - AGENDA ITEM 4

11. The meeting was informed that the planned activities for 2020 were under RAERESA's business plan 2017 – 2021. In this regard, the meeting was further informed that resources from the project on Enhancement of a Sustainable Regional Energy Market would still be used to implement the 2020 activities.

12. It was further noted that activities that fell outside the mandate of the ESREM project would require to be prioritized before funding can be sourced for their implementation.

13. It was further noted that the scope of some of the activities in the proposed 2020 workplan needed to be refined to ensure that regulatory aspects of the activities were well defined.

14. It was stated that the RAERESA Secretariat would need to harmonize its activities with those being implemented by the African Union Commission.

15. The meeting resolved that to enable closer monitoring of the progress of implementation of planned activities, there was need for more regular Portfolio committee meetings.

16. The meeting discussed funding options for implementing activities without funding. It was resolved that where possible, member regulators can volunteer to take up the implementation of these activities.

17. The 2020 Workplans for the Portfolio Committee on Renewable Energy was considered and adopted for implementation.

18. The 2020 Workplans for the Portfolio Committee on Environment and Energy Efficiency was considered and adopted,

B. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - AGENDA ITEM 5

19. There was no item discussed under this agenda item.

D. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING - AGENDA ITEM 6

20. The meeting adopted the report with amendments.

Closure of the Meeting

21. The Chair thanked the delegates for the active participation in the deliberations which had led to the successful adoption of the report.

Signature of the Chairperson of Renewable Energy Portfolio:

..... Gebahun Mogo 04/03/2020

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3 March 2020

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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