



**ENERGY REGULATORS  
ASSOCIATION  
OF EAST AFRICA**



# ABOUT US



## VISION

To be a leading association of energy regulators in the World

## MISSION

To support harmonization of national energy regulatory Frameworks through advice, information sharing and capacity building for improved quality of life in the East African region

## Core Values

- a. Accountability
- b. Collaboration
- c. Commitment
- d. Excellence
- e. Novelty
- f. Transparency

## GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The EREA Constitution provides for different organs of the association and their respective functions. The principle of rotating the leadership of the organs applies. The organs of the Association are:

- a) The General Assembly (GA): the supreme organ which governs the Association. The members of the General Assembly consists of the Chairpersons of the boards' of the National Regulatory Entities (NRIs) responsible for energy in the East Africa Community Countries. The current membership of the EREA is drawn from the NRIs in Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda. Mr. Joshua Oigara of Kenya is the current chairperson of the GA organ whose 1-year term expires on 30th June 2020.
- b) Executive Council: comprising the Heads of the NRIs from the Member States and exercising supervisory control over the performance and affairs of the Secretariat. The current Chairperson of the Executive council is Mr. Nzinyangwa E. Mchany of Tanzania, whose 2-year term expires on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- c) Secretariat: headed by the Executive Secretary to perform coordination, administrative and financial management functions for the Association, among other duties. The current Executive Secretary of the Secretariat is Dr. Geoffrey Aori Mabea, whose 3-year term in office commenced on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020.
- d) Committees: handling specialist areas as follows – Economic (dealing with issues relating to policies, planning, tariffs, market operations, research, and information), Technical (dealing with matters relating to generation, transmission, distribution and supply of energy), Legal (dealing with issues relating to drafting of legislation and regulations, interpretation, review, and harmonization of laws and regulations, compliance and enforcement of laws and regulations).

## ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The functions of the Association are as follows:

- a) Strengthen the institutional framework within the Member States in the energy sector and assist in the development of a harmonized regulatory regime for the Member States.
- b) Coordinate energy sector regulation and promotes efficiency in oversight activities amongst the NRIs within the Member States.
- c) Facilitate common and consistent regulatory policies, standards, legislation, and regulations in the Member States.
- d) Establish relationships with other international organizations or institutions that promote similar objectives
- e) Liaise with other international organizations or institutions to ensure that the Member States' energy regulation processes and activities are in line with the international best practices.
- f) Subscribe to membership of similar international organizations where appropriate.
- g) Evaluate the status of energy regulation and projects in the Member States, provide information to the Member States, and recommend necessary interventions or corrective measures for the resolution of constraints or deficiencies.
- h) Plan and facilitate the sharing of technical expertise and facilities in energy regulation between the Member States.
- i) Provide advisory services and assistance as the Members may require.
- j) Mobilize and solicit technical and financial resources from external sources.
- k) Encourage the NRIs and Energy Operators to provide information as may be reasonably required by other NRIs, Energy Operators, or the Secretariat to facilitate the coordination of NRIs' regulatory practices,

procedures, and benchmarking.

- l) Develop, conduct, and manage information and capacity-building programs among NRIs and Energy Operators.
- m) Pursue accreditation as a training institution.
- n) Develop and maintain a database of information and statistics regarding the energy sector matters relevant to the Community.
- o) To source funds for capacity-building activities, research needs, consumer empowerment, and education in the association.
- p) Promote research and develop policy proposals on energy regulation, in line with

international trends and best regulatory practices.

- q) Investigate and deliberate on issues referred to it by the regulators or emanating from any other source, relating to matters which impact on the attainment of the objectives set out herein.
- r) Develop the necessary regulatory framework for the establishment of a power pool and competitive energy market in the Member States.
- s) Perform any other functions that may be necessary for the proper implementation of energy sector regulation under the EREA Constitution.



EREA DELEGATES AT THE 11TH AGA MEETING

## **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE**

As one of its key mandate, the association developed the following energy harmonization tools:

- a) Guidelines for Construction, Operation, and Decommissioning of Bulk Petroleum Storage Facilities;
- b) Review of NRI Grid Codes and EAPP Interconnection Code;
- c) Harmonize Petroleum Product Quality Control Rules/ Regulations/ Procedures;
- d) Guidelines on Reticulation of LPG and Natural Gas in domestic settings;
- e) Technical Compliance framework and analysis of NRIs, and
- f) Developed a template for the sharing of petroleum and electricity data/information.

## **KEY PRIORITIES FOR 2019/2020**

- a) Enhancement of human resource capacity at the EREA office in Arusha
- b) Comparison of Tariff structures and tariff levels across NRIs
- c) Carry out a comprehensive regional demand-supply balance
- d) Carry out a capacity gap analysis, at the NRIs and the Secretariat
- e) Review the National Electrification Master Plan for the acceleration of access to clean energy of each NRI
- f) The funding proposal for consultancy on the research on the regulation on improved fuel supply to remote areas and motor out boards/vessels
- g) Facilitate capacity building for the committees and funding for the establishment of the Centre of Excellence
- h) To collaborate with regional bodies such as Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP), East Africa Community (EAC), Regional Association of Energy Regulators of Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA), Africa Union (AU) and Independent Regulatory Board (IRB) to spearhead harmonization of energy regulatory policies for the region.

## **CONCLUSION**

Overall, the functions and activities of the association, build and complement on Article 101 of the EAC Treaty and works in putting an enabling framework for an Energy Union in the African Continent. Working with other regional bodies and development partners, EREA has positioned itself to spearhead increased energy access, competition, and sustainable capacity building in the region. Through the Planned development of a Centre of Excellence, the African continent stands to benefit immensely from such an institution. This centre will facilitate sustainable capacity building in Energy regulation, power markets, Oil and Gas markets, digitalization, renewable energy integration, and other research on emerging trends in the energy sector. As a regional institution, we are developing a robust market integration monitoring system that will inform on the speed on integration as well as gauge our status towards achieving the envisaged Eastern Africa Power Pool and other regional integration projects.

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