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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING (EXCO)

BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI

23RD JUNE 2022

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**REPORT OF THE 23RD EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD
JUNE 2022 AT 10.00 A.M.**

AGENDA ITEM

MIN 1. EXCO/23/22: OPENING PRAYER

The Opening Prayers were led by the Executive Secretary, Dr. Geoffrey Mabea and Ms. Hawa Lweno.

MIN 2. EXCO/23/22: CONSTITUTION OF BUREAU

The Executive Secretary confirmed the Quorum for the 23rd EXCO Meeting and noted the attendance of EPRA, AREEN, EWURA, ZURA (online), ERA, PAU, and RURA.

RECEIVED the apologies of the substantive Heads of National Regulatory Institutions (NRI) and recognised their nomination and attendance of their representatives as follows;

- i) EPRA, represented by Dr. Eng. Joseph Oketch
- ii) PAU, represented by Mr. Nurudin Njabire
- iii) ERA, represented by Dr. Geoffrey Okoboi
- iv) RURA, represented by Alexis Mutware who attended online

NOTED that in the absence of the substantive EXCO Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson, DG ERA Uganda represented by Dr. Geoffrey Okoboi will chair the meeting.

The Secretariat also recognized the presence of new members and observers notably;

- i) Allegría Ntumba, Gilbert Kajaabika and Daddy Mbombo from Electricity Sector Regulatory Authority (ERA)-DRC
- ii) Mr. Ephrem Tesfaye from the Independent Regulatory Board (IRB)

The Secretariat received apologies from the Director General of PURA- Mr. Charles Sangweni and his delegation on account of logistical delays at the Bujumbura

airport.

MIN 3. EXCO/23/22: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTED the following agenda for the 23rd EXCO Meeting.

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Constitution of Quorum
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interests
5. Introduction and Opening remarks
6. Welcoming new members and brief introduction of institutions
7. Welcoming Observers
8. Tabling of the Report from the 22nd EXCO Meeting held on 07th December 2021 at EWURA Office Arusha, Tanzania
9. Matters Arising from the 22nd EXCO Meeting held on 07th December 2021 at EWURA Office Arusha
10. Matters Arising from the 13th GA Meeting held on 18th June 2021 via ZOOM
11. Presentation of Portfolio Committees Reports;
 - (i) Economic Portfolio Committee
 - (ii) Legal Portfolio Committee
 - (iii) Petroleum Portfolio Committee
 - (iv) Electricity and Renewable Energy Portfolio Committee
12. EXCO Sub-Committees Reports;
 - (i) Report of EXCO Committee on Finance and Administration (CFA)
 - (ii) Report of EXCO's Strategic Planning and Human Resources Committee (SPHRC)
13. EREAs' Meetings Frequency and Venue
14. Any other business.

MIN 4. EXCO/23/22: DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared by the members in the business of the meeting.

MIN 5. EXCO/23/22: INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS.

The Heads of Delegation of AREEN, EWURA, EPRA, ERA, ZURA, PAU and RURA introduced themselves and the members of their delegations followed by the new member and observer.

The Chair, Dr. Geoffrey Okoboi welcomed the members present and made his opening remarks. In his remarks the Chair welcomed the new members i.e. Electricity Sector Regulatory Authority (ARE)-DRC and Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA)-Tanzania and recognized the observer from the Independent Regulatory Board. He also thanked AREEN for hosting the 23rd EXCO meeting.

The NRI heads of delegation echoed the Chairs' remarks in welcoming the new members and appreciating the host, AREEN.

MIN 6. EXCO/23/22: WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS AND BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF INSTITUTIONS

The Chair invited the new members to provide a brief of their institutions.

Ms. Allegría Ntumba from Electricity Sector Regulatory Authority (ARE) made a brief presentation of their institution highlighting its establishment, vision, mission, strategy and other institutional aspects. *The detailed presentation is attached as Annex 1.*

MIN 7. EXCO/23/22: WELCOMING OBSERVERS

The Chair invited the observer to provide a brief of his institution.

Mr. Ephrem Tesfaye from the Independent Regulatory Board (IRB) made a brief presentation on the background of IRB, its establishment and activities. *The detailed presentation is attached as **Annex 2**.*

MIN 8. EXCO/23/22: TABLING OF THE REPORT FROM 22ND EXCO MEETING HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER 2021 AT EWURA OFFICES, ARUSHA, TANZANIA

The Secretariat tabled the report of the 22nd EXCO meeting held on 7th December 2021 at EWURA Offices in Arusha, Tanzania.

The EXCO **ADOPTED** the report of the 22nd EXCO.

MIN 9. EXCO/23/22: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 22ND EXCO MEETING HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER 2021 AT EWURA OFFICES, ARUSHA, TANZANIA AND THE 1ST EXTRA-ORDINARY EXCO MEETING HELD ON 17TH FEBRUARY 2022 VIA ZOOM

The Secretariat submitted and reported on the status of the matters arising from the 22nd Executive Council held on 7th December 2021 and the 1st Extra-ordinary EXCO meeting held on 17th February 2022.

The EXCO:

NOTED that;

- i) Twelve (12) out of seventeen (17) directives made by the 22nd EXCO have been completed by 100%. Three (3) directives are work in progress. Two (2) directives were not implemented.
- ii) Ten (10) out of twelve (12) directives from the 1st EXCO Extra-Ordinary meeting have been completed by 100%. Two (2) activities are work in progress.
- iii) The report did not indicate the actual status of the activities that were reported to be in progress.
- iv) The matter on the anchorage of EREA to the East Africa Community is still outstanding.

ADOPTED the report of matters arising of the 22nd EXCO and 1st Extraordinary EXCO meeting resolutions.

DIRECTED;

- i) The secretariat to ensure that in subsequent reports the activities indicated as work in progress include the percentage completion;
- ii) The matter of EREA sustainability be deferred to the 24th EXCO for consideration;
- iii) The secretariat and LPC explore other options on the sustainability of EREA and report in the 24th EXCO meeting in December 2022 for consideration

RESOLVED to recommend to the 14th AGA to approve;

- i) The EREA Strategic Plan 2022/23 – 2026/27;
- ii) Audited Reports FY2020/21; and
- iii) The renaming of the Upstream Petroleum Portfolio Committee to Petroleum Portfolio Committee(PPC) and Technical Portfolio Committee(TPC) to Electricity and Renewable Energy Portfolio Committee(EREPC)

MIN 10. EXCO/23/22: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 13TH AGA MEETING HELD ON 18TH JUNE 2021 VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING PLATFORM

The Secretariat submitted and reported on the status of the matters arising from the 13th AGA held on 18th June 2021 via zoom video conferencing platform.

NOTED the report of matters arising from the 13th AGA where sixteen (16) out of seventeen (17) directives from the 13th AGA have been completed by 100%. One directive is under implementation.



MIN 11. EXCO/23/22: PRESENTATION OF PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1. EXCO/22/22: ECONOMIC PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE (EPC)

The Economic Portfolio Committee (EPC) presented its progress implementation report for financial year 2021/22 and the proposed work plan for financial year 2022/23.

The EXCO;

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** the EPC report.

DIRECTED :

- i) The EPC to further analyse the drivers of the cost of connection of electricity in the various member states;
- ii) The EPC to further analyse the generation costs of various technologies and bring out the cost drivers in each member state; and
- iii) For uniformity, the analysis of the generation costs should be based on Renewable Energy feed-in-tariffs.

RESOLVED to recommend to the 14th AGA to approve the EPC report subject to the observations by the EXCO.

11.2. EXCO/23/22: LEGAL PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE(LPC)

The Legal Portfolio Committee (LPC) presented its progress implementation report for financial year 2021/22 and the proposed work plan for financial year 2022/23.

The EXCO;

NOTED;

- i) The anchorage of EREA to the East African Community (EAC) is work in

- progress and the secretariat had submitted a concept note to the EAC.
- ii) EREA is a member of the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA) and has been paying the annual subscription of 2,500 Euros.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** the LPC report.

RESOLVED to recommend to the 14th AGA to approve the LPC report.

11.3. EXCO/23/22: PETROLEUM PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE(PPC)

The Petroleum Portfolio Committee presented its progress implementation report for financial year 2021/22 and the proposed work plan for financial year 2022/23.

The EXCO;

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** the Petroleum Portfolio Committee report.

RESOLVED to recommend to the 14th AGA to approve the PPC report.

11.4. EXCO/23/22: ELECTRICITY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE (EREPC)

The Electricity and Renewable Energy Portfolio Committee presented its progress implementation report for financial year 2021/22 and the proposed work plan for financial year 2022/23.

The EXCO;

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** the EREPC report.

DIRECTED the Committee;

- i) To include explanations on the comparative data in the report to provide an overall assessment of the analysis.
- ii) To provide recommendations on the implementation of delayed interconnection projects.

RESOLVED to recommend to the 14th AGA to approve the EREPC report

subject to the observations by the EXCO.

MIN 12. EXCO/23/22: EXCO SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS;

12.1. EXCO/23/22: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION(CFA)

The Chairperson of the EXCO sub-committee on Finance and Administration (CFA) tabled their report for consideration by the EXCO.

The EXCO **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** the report by the Committee on Finance and Administration (CFA).

RESOLVED to recommend to the 14th AGA to approve;

- i) The budget for the Secretariat proposal for FY2022/23 estimated at US\$ 329,000
- ii) The budget for Energy Regulation Centre of Excellence proposal for FY2022/23 estimated at US\$ 80,000

12.2. EXCO/23/22: STRATEGIC PLANNING AND HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE

The Chairperson of the EXCO sub-committee on Human Resource and Strategic planning tabled their report for consideration by the EXCO.

The EXCO **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** the report by the Human Resource and Strategic Planning committee.

RESOLVED to recommend to the 14th AGA to approve the EREA Action plan for FY2022/23.

MIN 13. EXCO/23/22: EREA MEETINGS FREQUENCY AND VENUE

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The EREA calendar of activities for the financial year 2022/23 was presented by the secretariat. The secretariat highlighted that the 24th EXCO is scheduled for 16th December 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda.

The EXCO **RESOLVED** to recommend to the 14th AGA to approve EREA's Calendar of Activities.

MIN 14. EXCO/23/22: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 1409hrs.

Signed this 23rd June 2022

Attended physically

(1) **Dr. Geoffrey Okoboi**.....
Chairperson, for Director General,
Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA)

(2) **Eng. Modestus M. Lumato**
Member, Director General
Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA)

(3) **Mr. Balthazar Nganikiye**.....
Member, Director General,
Authority for Regulation of Water and Energy Sectors (AREEN)

(4) **Dr. Eng. Joseph Oketch**
Member, for Director General,
Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority

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- (5) **Mr. Nurudin Njabire**
Member, for Executive Director,
The Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU)

Attended online

- (6) **Mr. Alexis Mutware**.....
Member, for Director General,
Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA)
- (7) **Mrs. Bihindi Nassor Khatib**
Member, Director General,
Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority (ZURA)