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**"African Forum for Utility Regulators
"The Experience So Far"**

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1. Introduction

The formation and launching of AFUR very timely at time when wave of infrastructural development, privatization gaining root in other parts of the world.

- Need to attract investment economic development
- Requirement for regulatory frameworks to provide comfort to potential investors
- Few African countries that had established independent regulators had to encourage other countries to come on board

2.0 Background to Formation

1. World Bank initiative to increase awareness in regulation in Africa and provide forum to discuss and share experiences and challenges in Africa, expand regional cooperation between regulators
2. September 2000 high level workshop held in Nairobi
 - under the auspices of World Bank and funded by PPIAF
 - attended by senior representatives from 22 regulatory bodies from 15 countries
 - Agreed to regular exchanges between utility regulators
 - Share information and experiences
 - Support capacity building efforts
 - Workshop adopted proposed to form AFUR to provide informal framework for dialogue on utility regulation

Background to Formation Continued

3. May 2001- Further meeting in Accra-Ghana
 - Agreed to establish a Secretariat to accelerate development of AFUR
 - World Bank provided initial secretarial services
4. November 2001- Follow up meeting in Dakar Senegal
 - Committee of 8 established to prepare proposals for establishment of AFUR
5. November 2002 – Formal launch of AFUR in Pretoria, South Africa.
 - Meeting attended by 29 regulatory authorities from 35 African countries
 - AFUR constitution outdoored
 - Topics discussed at workshop include:



Background to Formation Continued

- Regulatory governance
- External and internal relations between utility regulators
- Primary stakeholders of utility regulators i.e. customers, service providers and government



3.0 Vision

“The African Forum for effective utility Regulation”

- Captures the simple objective for establishing a form of utility regulation tailored for and suitable for the continent of Africa, given the continents’ own peculiarities and idiosyncrasies.



4.0 Mission

“To facilitate the development of effective utility regulation in support of Africa’s growth and development”

- The mission recognizes the urgent need for growth and development in Africa in order to compete with the rest of the world, and the role effective regulation would play in this growth of economic and social development.

5.0 AFUR Executive Committee

5.1 At the meeting in Pretoria, participants elected the National Electricity Regulator (NER) of South Africa, represented by Dr. Xolani Mkhwanazi, as the first chair. The Electricity Sector Regulatory Agency of Cameroon, represented by Mr. Pierre Ndouga Hell, was elected Deputy Chair.

The following representatives constitute the rest of The Executive Committee:

- National Electricity Regulatory Agency, Cote d'Ivoire
- Telecommunication Regulatory Agency, Gabon



- Public Utilities Regulatory Commission, Ghana
- Electricity Regulatory Board, Kenya
- Electricity Regulatory Authority, Uganda
- Communication Authority, Zambia
- Ex-officio member, Dr. Ernest Maigurira

5.2 Following departure of Dr. Xolani Mkhwanazi, the AFUR chairmanship has been taken over by Mr. Smunda S. Mokoena

The current Executive Secretary of the AFUR, running the Secretariat is Mr. Elijah Sichone



6.0 Strategic Objectives

The first business plan for AFUR, which was adopted by the Executive Committee in Nairobi, Kenya during April 2003, commits AFUR to implement activities to meet the following strategic objectives:

- Information sharing
- Capacity building
- Harmonization of regulatory policies and legislation
- Promotion of the philosophy of autonomous utility regulation and good governance
- Support to African initiatives
- Promotion of sound relationships and other stakeholders
- Joint utilisation of donor funding



7.0 AFUR Current Activities

Currently key activities being undertaken or planned by AFUR in fulfillment of its objectives are as follows:-

1. **A 3-year Capacity Building initiative** comprising 5 annual one week training courses on Infrastructure Reform and Regulation in the 5 African Union (AU) regions.

In this regard, an **AFUR Professional Development Survey** to identify training needs of African Regulators is being conducted.

2. In the area of **Information Sharing**, the AFUR aims at the following:
 - a) Improving information availability through the use of the website;

AFUR Current Activities continued

- b) Creation and management of an information database on information gathered from all regulators as well as government agencies responsible for utilities;
 - c) Developing a Communication strategy to enhance communication among members and with other stakeholders.
3. To promote the philosophy of **Autonomous Utility Regulation**, the AFUR has produced a position paper named “**Framework for Utility Regulation in Africa**” to encourage the establishment of utility regulators and membership to AFUR, and also promote formation of regional regulatory associations as building blocks for AFUR.

8.0 Achievements so Far

- 1st Annual General Assembly held in Yaoundé, Cameroon, November, 2003
- 2 North Africa members admitted – Sudan and Tunisia
- Development of position paper on “Framework for Utility Regulation in Africa.”
- Capacity Building:
 - Training workshop in Electricity for African Regulators Nairobi, Kenya October 2003
 - Training programme on Utility Regulation for Anglophone West Africa Regulators June 2004, Accra Ghana – 50 participants
- Sponsorship of events:
 - World Energy Forum – Canada - 2001
 - World Energy Forum – Rome - 2003