



UPDATE AND ISSUES

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Historical Background

- August 1998 Setting up process started in in Johannesburg - South Africa
- March 2000 Follow up meeting in Gaborone – Botswana. TWG formed headed by Namibia
- May 2000 Approval for formalization of RERA initiative in Luanda – Angola
- October 200 Draft Constitution presented to Plenary Committee in Windhoek Namibia
- June 2001 Final draft constitution submitted in Kinshasa –DR Congo
- May 2002 Meeting with SAPP to discuss common areas of concern
- July 2002 Establishment of RERA approval by SADC Ministers in Maseru - Lesotho
- September 2002 Signing of constitution and establishment of RERA in Windhoek - Namibia.

Guiding Principles

- To form integrated electricity markets in line with broad international trends.
- To pursue the development of greater integration of the electricity systems in Southern Africa in order to tap the benefits arising from economies of scale and shared resources.
- To develop clear frameworks to facilitate cross-border transactions, regional system operations, a system of tariffs for use of regional transmission infrastructure as well as future investments, for the successful regional integration of electricity systems.
- To develop facilitating regulation in order to harmonize and create market structures that remove business to trade and attract investment in the ESI across the region
- To create a financially self sustaining RERA as an institution responsible for facilitation of regional electricity issues.

Objectives of RERA

- **Capacity building, and information sharing**
 - Information sharing and skills training at a national and regional level.
- **Facilitation of ESI Policy, legislation and regulations:**
 - Recommend a framework for policy, legislation and regulations for cross-border trading, access and tariffs.
 - Harmonization of regulatory frameworks and legal rules for systems operations/access.
- **Regional regulatory cooperation:**
 - Recommendations on economic regulation of electricity interconnections and trade between SADC member states as mandated.

Ongoing/Planned Portfolio Initiatives

- **Capacity building and information sharing**
 - . Audit of skills and competencies
 - . Conduct comprehensive needs assessment in member countries
 - . Establish a database and website for information sharing
 - . Training
- **Facilitation of ESI Policy, legislation and Regulations**
 - . Assist in promotion of rural electrification
 - . Harmonization of legal and regulatory frameworks
 - . Information management and dissemination
 - . Compile norms and standards
 - . Conduct researches on above
- **Regional Regulatory Co-operation**
 - . Regional visits and promotion of RERA

Regional and International Perspective

- Collaboration with SAPP
- Collaboration with University of Cape Town school of Business and PURC (University of Florida) and others for capacity-building
- NORAD/NVE, USAID Assistance and Collaboration
- NARUC's Assistance
- Collaboration with AFUR
- Development of relationships with West African Power Pool
- Collaboration with Regulatory Bodies and Associations worldwide

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