

AFRICAN ENERGY COMMISSION

AFREC



**AFREC Plans, Role
in the future,
mandate, ...**

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DEFINITIONS ...

AFREC : African Energy Commission

Energy : New and renewable or non-renewable resource in the natural state or processed, harnessed by man to provide essential human needs.

Treaty : Treaty establishing the African Economic Community (AEC)

Regional Economic Community: Any African regional economic community established, to co-ordinate energy development on a regional or sub-regional basis.

Member State: Member State of the African Energy Commission

Person: Natural or legal person

ESTABLISHMENT...

- ◆ There shall be established within the Organization of African Unity / African Economic Community :

 The African Energy Commission : **AFREC**

- ◆ Composed of Ministers from each Member State of the OAU/AEC

GUIDING PRINCIPLES ...

The Member States solemnly affirm and declare their adherence to the following principles:

1- Development of the use of energy to:

- ✓ Promote and support rapid economic and social development,
- ✓ Alleviation of poverty,
- ✓ Combat desertification,
- ✓ Improve the standard and quality of life throughout the Member States.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES ...

The Member States solemnly affirm and declare their adherence to the following principles:

2- Encouraging and promoting co-operation in the area of energy among Member States, particularly through joint development of energy resources by:

- ✓ Identification and promotion of regional and/or sub-regional projects.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES ...

The Member States solemnly affirm and declare their adherence to the following principles:

- 3- Promotion of sustainable and environmentally sound energy development and utilization,
- 4- Acceleration of the implementation of the Abuja Treaty through the integrated, co-ordinated and harmonized development and utilization of energy involving the AEC, the RECs, the Private, etc., in the development and implementation of energy policies and programmes,

GUIDING PRINCIPLES ...

The Member States solemnly affirm and declare their adherence to the following principles:

- 5- Promotion of research and development and encouragement of transfer of technology in the energy sector,
- 6- Promotion et enhancement of integration, collective self-reliance, security and reliability of energy supply among Member States,

GUIDING PRINCIPLES ...

The Member States solemnly affirm and declare their adherence to the following principles:

- 7- Peaceful settlement of disputes,
- 8- Inter-state co-operation in training and development of human resources in the energy field,
- 9- Harmonization of standards and practices in the energy sector,

GUIDING PRINCIPLES ...

The Member States solemnly affirm and declare their adherence to the following principles:

- 10- Promotion of trade and technical assistance in energy field among Member States,
- 11- Promotion of partnership among enterprises and institutions of Member States,
- 12- Equitable cost-sharing in the implementation of this Convention in a spirit of good governance and transparency.

Functions of AFREC ...

AFREC shall have the following functions:

1- Map out energy development policies, strategies and plans based on :

- Sub-regional,
- Regional,
- Continental,

development priorities

Functions of AFREC ...

AFREC shall have the following functions:

- 2- Design, create and update an energy continental data base and facilitate rapid dissemination of information and exchange of information among Member States, as well as among the Regional Economic Communities (RECs),

Functions of AFREC ...

AFREC shall have the following functions:

- 3- Advice and encourage the development of human resources in the energy sector in particular, through training,
- 4- Mobilize financial resources to provide the Regional Economic Communities and Member States with all the necessary assistance for the development of their energy sectors,

Functions of AFREC ...

AFREC shall have the following functions:

- 5- Encourage research and development in the energy sector,
- 6- Promote and develop trade and transit of energy goods and services among Member States, particularly through the identification and removal of barriers to the development of the said trade and transit,

Functions of AFREC ...

AFREC shall have the following functions:

- 7- Provide technical assistance to Member States, Regional Economic Communities and other actors in the African energy sectors,
- 8- Encourage the use of harmonised standards and practises in the energy sector,

Functions of AFREC ...

AFREC shall have the following functions:

- 9- Establish the necessary mechanisms for the joint exploitation and utilization of energy capacities,
- 10- Undertake the harmonisation and rationalization of energy development and utilization programs,

Functions of AFREC ...

AFREC shall have the following functions:

- 11- Promote among Member States the adoption and implementation of effective measures to prevent environmental pollution due to the exploitation, transportation, storage, and utilization of the continent's energy resources,
- 12- Work towards the realization of added value to energy resources in Member States,

Functions of AFREC ...

AFREC shall have the following functions:

- 13- Promote the exploitation and utilization of new renewable sources of energy,
- 14- Perform any other activity that may be necessary for realization of the above objectives.

AFREC Organs ...

The
Conference of
Ministers or
authorities
responsible
for Energy

" Conference "

The
Executive
Board

" Board "

The
Secretariat

Technical
Advisor
Body

Other
Subsidiary
Organs



AFREC Organs ...

The Conference : Powers & Duties

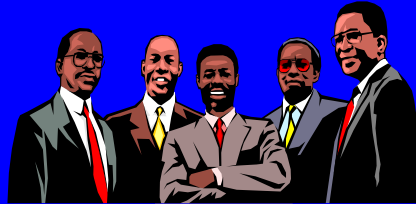
1. Highest authority of the Commission,
2. It shall meet in ordinary session once every two (02) years. It may meet in extra-ordinary session at the request of the Executive Board or a Member State and subject to the concurrence of at least two-thirds ($2/3$) of the Member States of the Commission,



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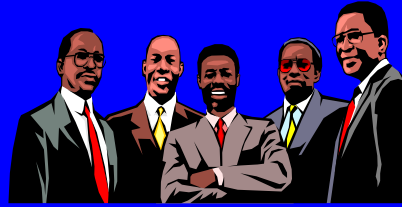
3.
 - a- Approve the work programs of the Commission and evaluate of their implementation,
 - b- Consider and approve the Commission's annual budget,
 - c- Adopt its Internal Rules,
 - d- Approve the Commission 's staff and Financial Rules,
 - e- Elect its Bureau,
 - f- Approve, on the proposal of the Executive Board, the appointment and removal of the executive Director of the Commission,
 - g- Elect Member States to serve as members of the Executive Board of the Commission



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The Board : Powers & Duties

- 1- Shall serve for a period of two (02) years,
- 2- It shall hold one ordinary meeting every year. It may also meet in extra-ordinary session under conditions to be specified in the Internal Rules of the Commission,
- 3- Shall be responsible to the Conference,



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The Board : Powers & Duties

4- It shall be composed as follows:

(15) senior energy experts
Representing Member States
(elected on the basis of the
OAU criteria for geographical
Representation)

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(01) senior energy
Expert of the OUA
Representing its
Secretary-General

+

(01) senior energy
expert of the
African
Development Bank

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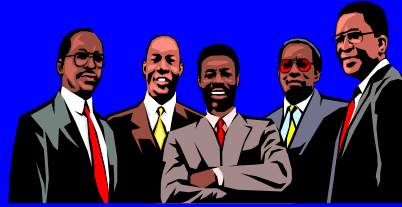
(01) senior energy expert
of the United Nations
Economic Commission
for Africa

+

(01) Representative
of each of the RECs

+

The Executive Director
shall serve as the
Secretary of the Board



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The Board : Powers & Duties

- 5- It shall, in particular, be responsible for the following:
 - a- Prepare and submit the provisional work programs, studies, annual budget projects of the Commission for approval by the Conference,
 - b- Submit a periodic report on the activities of the Commission to the Conference,
 - c- Determine the terms and conditions of service of the Commission staff,
 - d- Recommend to the Conference the appointment of the Executive Director of the Commission,
 - e- Perform any other function that may be assigned to it by the Conference.



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the Secretariat : Powers & Duties

- 1- The Secretariat of the Commission shall be headed by the Executive Director. He shall be assisted by the necessary staff,
- 2- The Secretariat shall in particular:
 - a- Provide Secretariat services to all the sessions of the Commission's organs,
 - b- Be responsible for the day to day management of the Commission,
 - c- Follow up on the implementation of decisions of the Conference and Board,
 - d- Keep the documents files and other data relating to the activities of the Commission,
 - e- Keep an inventory of the energy resources, requirements, legislation and programs of Members States, RECs and other partners,



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the Secretariat : Powers & Duties

- f- Prepare the agenda, documents and provisional work programs to be examined by the Board,
- g- Prepare and submit the draft Budget-Program, Annual report, Balance sheet and financial statements for submission to the Conference for its consideration and appropriate action,
- h- Prepare and submit reports on the activities of the Commission,
- i- Convene groups and panels of experts it consider necessary for the implementation of its work programs and of the activities entrusted to it by the Conference,
- j- Perform of any other duty that may be entrusted to it by the Conference and/or the Executive Board.



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the Secretariat : Powers & Duties

The Executive Director Functions

- 1- The Executive Director shall direct the affairs of the Secretariat and is responsible for the performance of its duties,
- 2- He is the accounting officer of the Commission and is responsible for the proper budget management,
- 3- The Executive Director :
 - a- Provide secretariat services to the Conference and the Executive Board,
 - b- Act as the legal representative of the Commission,
 - c- Appoint and remove in accordance with conditions to be laid down in the Internal Rules, administrative and technical personnel of the secretariat,
 - d- Ensure the geographical and equitable distribution of the Secretariat's personnel.



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Technical Advisory Body

Shall be composed

- Joint Secretariat of the OAU/ECA/ADB and the RECs,
- United Nations Agencies operation in the energy sector such as (UNDP, UNEP, UNDESA, UNIDO, FAO),
- International Entities dealing with energy such as (WEC, UPDEA)

It shall be a consultative forum on energy policies, programs, projects and related activities.

It shall, provide, more particularly, advisory and technical assistance to the Commission.



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Subsidiary Bodies

The Conference may establish such subsidiary bodies and AD-HOC Working groups as it may deem necessary.



ACCESSION ...

The accession shall be open to any Member State of the OAU.