



**UNION OF PRODUCERS, CONVEYORS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF
ELECTRIC POWER IN AFRICA**

**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING 04TH DECEMBER 2012**

DECLARATION OF ALGIERS

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MEETING OF THE UNION DES PRODUCERS, CONVEYORS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF ELECTRIC
POWER IN AFRICA (UPDEA).**

We, Chief Executives and Managing Directors of Power Utilities in charge of generation, transmission and distribution of power in Africa, meeting in Algiers (People's and Democratic Republic of Algeria),

- ✚ Aware of the economic globalization and International Exchanges ;
- ✚ Aware of the Institutional Reforms taking place in the power sector of our continent ;
- ✚ Aware of the growing impatience of the African people to have access to reliable electricity in scarce financial resources ;
- ✚ Aware of the evolution of the political environment leading to the establishment of large power pools ;
- ✚ Considering the low average rate of electrification in Africa ;
- ✚ Considering the importance and the role of energy services, in the political and socio-economic development and physical integration of the continent, in order to ensure more meaningful participation in the globalization process;
- ✚ Considering the huge resources, both human and natural (oil, gas, coal, rivers, uranium, solar, wind, geothermal and biomass) untapped on the African continent ;
- ✚ Noting the initiatives taken by the Regional Economic Communities in strengthening regional cooperation in the energy sector through the establishment of the Regional Power Pools and regulatory agencies;
- ✚ Welcoming the adoption of the outcomes of the Program of Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) study by the Regional Economic Communities, the Specialized Institutions through regional workshops and the Conference of Energy Ministers of Africa (CEMA) ;
- ✚ Aware of the role of Electrical Energy in the economic and social development and especially in the eradication of poverty ;
- ✚ Considering the role UPDEA as Specialized Institution and an observer of the Commission of African Union can play in the formulating of energy policies.

I – AFFIRM THE NEED TO:

- To pool our efforts to promote sustainable development of integrated, reliable and efficient energy infrastructure networks and services for the socio-economic development and integration of the continent;
- Define and implement for each African country, an energy policy that promotes local resources, emphasizing the renewable energy potential, and ensures their rational use ;
- Promote and foster participation of African Research institutes, manufacturers of electrical materials as well as African companies involving in the development of the power sector on the continent;
- Set up African standards in order to harmonize construction and operation practices in support of the local electrical equipment manufacturing industry in Africa;
- Make sure that our power utilities will become more attractive to private investors.

II – DECLARE THE NEED TO :

- Provide UPDEA with all means necessary to affirm its effective role of catalyst in cooperation and amongst its members and give it a real continental dimension fitting to actual environment ;
- Implement a new strategy aiming to rejuvenating and transforming UPDEA into a sustainable organization that delivers value to its members;

III –DECIDE TO:

- Modify the Constitution and Bylaws of UPDEA to transform it into the Association of Power Utilities of Africa :”**APUA**”
- Give as mission to **APUA** “To bring together Power Utilities and Stakeholders towards making power more accessible, affordable and reliable for African people” ;
- Agree on following core values :
 - Integrity
 - Transparency
 - Accountability
 - Excellence
 - Trust

- Reaffirm our vision «being the main catalyst of the access to electricity for all people of Africa in the years to come »

IV – INVITE

All the African non-member utilities to join **APUA**.

V – RECOMMENDE to the organs of APUA TO:

- Implement the recommendations of the Strategic Actions Plan ;
- Reinforce collaboration with the Power Pools espousing confidence and trust in its role as coordinator of the forum ;
- Organize, periodically, the Conference of Chief Executives and Managing Directors of African Power Utilities and other scientific fora of the African Power Sector with the participation of development's partners ;
- Take quick legal and necessary actions at the host country level and towards all our partners for the smooth taking over of UPDEA's activities by **APUA**.

Done at Algiers, 04th December 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly 'B. M. ...', written over a horizontal line.