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**CONCEPT NOTE**

**ORGANISATION OF THE 57<sup>TH</sup>**

**APUA ANNUAL MEETINGS,**

**03- 09 JUNE 2023**



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## 2023 ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF POWER UTILITIES OF AFRICA (APUA)

- ✚ MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF APUA
- ✚ MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICAN NETWORK OF CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN ELECTRICITY (ANCEE)
- ✚ APUA-AfDB GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP CEO FORUM
- ✚ MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- ✚ 57<sup>th</sup> ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- ✚ TECHNICAL AND TOURISTIC VISITS



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## **1 - DATE**

The Annual Meetings of the Association of Power Utilities of Africa (APUA) are scheduled from 3 to 9 June 2023.

## **2 – VENUE OF THE EVENT**

The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of APUA will be held at BINGU INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER (BICC) in Lilongwe.

**MALAWI will be hosting such main statutory event of APUA for the first time under the patronage of the Minister of energy of Malawi.**

## **3 – LANGUAGES OF COMMUNICATION**

French / English / Portuguese

Simultaneous translation in French, English and Portuguese will be available and all working documents will be also translated in those languages.

## **4 - INFORMATION ON ORGANIZING INSTITUTION:**

### **A. Association of Power Utilities of Africa (APUA)**

The Association of Power Utilities of Africa (APUA), formerly designated as the Union of Power Producers and Distributors in Africa (UPDEA), was established in 1970 with its headquarters in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. Under its current name of APUA, the entity has undergone some transformations by becoming an association which provides value for its members. One of the mainstays of the transformation of APUA is the plan to establish an African Network of Centers of Excellence in Electricity with the support of the French Development Cooperation Agency (AFD) and the African Development Bank (AfDB).

The mission of APUA as stipulated in its latest Constitution adopted in 2012 is “to bring together all power utilities of Africa as well as all stakeholders with the view to making electricity more accessible, reliable and affordable for the people”.

Its fundamental values are:

1. Integrity
2. Transparency
3. Responsibility
4. Excellence
5. Trust



The purpose of the Association is to promote the development and integration of the African electric power sector through dynamic cooperation among its members and with all stakeholders in the electric power sector at the international level, on the one hand, and with financial partners, on the other.

In this respect, it plays a role, particularly as a:

- Promoter and facilitator of integration and regional exchanges, especially through African energy pools, including the coordination of regional energy pools;
- Promoter and facilitator for the development of energy cleaning mechanisms, including the reduction of carbon emissions in the atmosphere;
- Promoter and facilitator of energy efficiency;
- Promoter and facilitator of rural electrification;
- Facilitator of investment and development of renewable energy in Africa;
- Facilitator of investment mobilization from public and private sectors for power infrastructure in Africa;
- Promoter and facilitator of innovation, research and development of the power sector in Africa;
- Facilitator towards the development of regulatory and uniform policies for the improvement of power infrastructure in all the regions of Africa;
- Facilitator in the area of collaborating with manufacturing companies of electrical equipment through AFSEC (African Electro technical Standardization Commission) ;
- Promoter of good governance among companies;
- Facilitator of interconnections across borders and regions of Africa;

In order to be an efficient organization in actions taken and decisions made, APUA must pursue its goals and also use the appropriate mechanisms to meet the expectations of its member power utilities (active or affiliate, and the people who are the most affected).

## **B. Electricity Generation Company (EGENCO)**

Electricity Generation Company (Malawi) Limited (EGENCO) is a limited liability company incorporated under the Companies Act (Cap. 46:03) of the Laws of Malawi on 7th September 2016. The company was established with the mandate of generating electricity in Malawi. The Company was formed following the unbundling of the Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi (ESCOM) Limited into two separate institutions; one for generating electricity (thus EGENCO) and another one for transmission and distribution (thus ESCOM).



EGENCO started its operations as a separate and independent company on January 1, 2017. Currently, EGENCO operates four hydro power stations namely: Nkula, Tedzani, Kapichira and Wowwe. The Company also operates thermal power plants in Lilongwe, Mzuzu and Mapanga, Blantyre. Overall, EGENCO has a total installed generation capacity of 441.95MW, with 390.55MW from hydro power plants and 51.4MW from standby diesel power plants.

**Its mission:**

To generate reliable and diversified power for generations by leveraging our diversity and innovative spirit, through inspired staff driven by excellence.

**Its vision:**

To create a better tomorrow for Malawi through leadership in power generation.

**5 - BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The 2023 Annual Meetings will be the first annual meetings under the term of office of SENELEC (Senegal) as current Chair of APUA (2022-2025) following the memorable Dakar fifty years anniversary Congress held in July, 2022.

The purpose of the meetings is to take stock of the activities carried out over the one-year period, to discuss the status of scientific activities, projects and reforms implemented and projected in the sector, to promote the activities of member companies, develop South-South cooperation in order to encourage the emergence of a local African industry of electrical equipment and services to give impetus to the development of the sector.

A special focus will be on the strategic leadership and the governance of the power sector. Power Utilities as major player should take the lead and its managers (the utility CEOs) will have an open exchange with APUA main sponsor, the African Development Bank vice presidency on Energy, Electricity, Green Growth and Climate on the right transition for African and determinate quick win projects to launch to this end.

Thus, they will provide the opportunity to:

- Assist APUA to monitor the direct changes in the course of time in the electric energy environment and in real time, and maintain relations with stakeholders in the sector;
- Review the activities of the APUA's scientific committee, specially the progress made by the study committees ;



- Review the activities of the African Network of Centers of Excellence in Electricity
- To create a better tomorrow for Malawi through leadership in power generation.
- Strengthen the direct relations and cooperation between members (active or affiliate), stakeholders in the sector as well as other partners;
- Strengthen the constructive partnership between APUA and its main financial partner institution AfDB, and other partners (AFD, EU, etc.);
- Give the opportunity to the Chief Executive Officers and Directors-General of the African power utilities to exchange experience on issues relating to strategic governance of the sector by highlighting the specific theme for this year's workshop.
- Position APUA as a key partner in the development and growth of its members, in order to be the main driver of access to electricity for all the people of Africa.
- Promote the advent of the African single Electricity Market (AfSEM), in conjunction with all African stakeholders of the Continental Master Plan (CMP), the African Single Electricity Market and the African Energy Efficiency Strategy (AfEES)

## **6 - PREPARING AND PLANNING OF THE MEETINGS**

### **A - PREPARING**

The General Secretariat will coordinate with the President APUA's office to have the President consent on the detailed program.

The General Secretariat will work within the joint organizing committee set with the host utility EGENCO through online and face-to-face meetings to prepare the event in all details.

The General Secretariat will call upon the active support of APUA's correspondents and focal points within the utilities of the different countries to ensure the registration of participants, especially the CEOs and others officials

The General Secretariat will arrange the simultaneous interpretation in French, English and Portuguese for all the meetings.

The General Secretariat will send and make sure that all the member utilities receive the working documents in due time.



## **B - PLANNING OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS**

The programming of the annual meetings will be done in accordance with the articles of association and regulations governing the Association and pursuant to the 5<sup>th</sup> Resolution adopted on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022 during the 56<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly held in Dakar (Republic of Senegal) prior the 20<sup>th</sup> Congress.

These Meetings will be held at the Bingu International Conference Center from 03 to 09 June 2023 and will include the Meetings of the Scientific Committee of APUA, the Steering Committee of the African Network of Centers of Excellence in Electricity (ANCEE), the APUA Executive Committee and the 57<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly.

The Meetings will be organized as follows:

- **Days 1 and 2: Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 June, 2023:**
  - Meeting of the APUA's Scientific Committee (80 persons, active and affiliate members, and partners of this organ)
- **Day 3 : Monday 5 June, 2023:**
  - Meeting of the Steering Committee of the African Network of Centers of excellence in Electricity, (ANCEE), (40-60 persons)
- **Day 4 : Tuesday 6 June, 2023:**
  - APUA-AfDB Governance and Leadership CEO Forum (100 persons)
- **DAY 5: Wednesday 7 June 2023:**
  - Meeting of the APUA Executive Committee (30-40 persons, members of this body and their close entourage)
- **DAY 6: Thursday 8 June, 2023:**
  - 57<sup>th</sup> APUA Ordinary General Assembly,
- **Day 7: Friday 9 June, 2023:**
  - Technical and Touristic visits.

**NB: Every meeting will have its specific concept note**





## **7 - EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS**

The annual meetings will bring together, among others, active, affiliate and associate members, CEOs, Directors-General, General Administrators, African Power Utilities, major players in the electric energy sector and African Electricity Companies. The participants in this category will include financial backers such as the African Development Bank, main sponsor, the French Development Agency (AFD) and the World Bank, high-level officials, African electric and renewable energy operators, manufacturers and suppliers of electrical equipment and materials, experts, consultants and consultancies.

The stakeholders of ANCEE could organize parallel events with the support of the APUA Secretariat.

For the meeting of the APUA Executive Committee, 30 to 40 participants are expected, and they include the CEOs of Member Companies of CODIR or their duly mandated representatives by way of proxy.

For the **APUA Ordinary General Assembly, at least about 120 - 150 participants** from about forty companies and bodies, including local participants.

**The 57<sup>th</sup> APUA annual meetings are placed under the patronage of the Minister of Energy of MALAWI**

## **8 - RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE APUA GENERAL SECRETARIAT AND EGENCO**

The organization of the APUA Annual Meetings requires massive preparation of documentation before, during and after the scheduled events have been organized.

According to our articles of association, all the documents issued and all the meetings organized must be in English and French.

The Focal Point from Angola assists the Secretariat in translating them into Portuguese.

The Secretariat will take the necessary measures in collaboration with the host to ensure availability and consistency regarding documentation.

EGENCO CEO office and organizing committee will ensure that local dignitaries of the power sector and office of the Minister of energy are duly invited and updated on all preparation process.

The local organizing committee will ensure adequate welcoming of all participants at the airport and their local transportation from airport to hotels and vis-versa.



## 9 - SPONSORSHIPS

The APUA annual meetings are the annual main statutory event and as such requires substantial expenditures in all kinds of preparation and logistics during the event. And this go beyond the operation budget of the General Secretariat.

Also APUA will be materially and financial supported by the host utility, EGENCO in conjunction with the government of Malawi and its main sponsor for the CEO FORUM, the African Development Bank.

Other institutional and companies sponsorships will be explored both by the General Secretariat and EGENCO.

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