Memorandum of the Ordinary General Assembly of the African Association for Rural Electrification (CLUB-ER)


Introduction

An Ordinary General Assembly of the CLUB-ER was held on the 7th September 2017 at Taj Pamodzi Hotel in Lusaka, Zambia.

Out of the 43 members, 16 were in attendance, 8 were absent with apology and 19 were absent. Having reached the quorum the Ordinary General Assembly was called to order. The attendance list is attached as annex I.

The President of CLUB-ER Mr Sabati CISSE, Director General of Energy of Côte d'Ivoire was not in attendance due to official duties back home and thus the Ordinary General Assembly was opened and chaired by his representative Mr N’GORAN Konan Norbert, Director of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

The Rural Electrification Authority of Kenya (REA) and the l’Agence Nigérienne de Promotion de l’Electrification en milieu Rural (ANPER) were appointed as secretaries of the Meeting together with the Executive Secretary assisted by Mr N’CHO N’Guessan Pacôme from the Côte d’Ivoire Department of Energy.

The agenda had 5 items:

1. Presentation of the report of the Executive Secretary from October 2016 to July 2017
2. Presidency of CLUB-ER
3. Renewal of the Steering Committee
4. Appointment of Auditors
5. Venue of 2019 GA

Prior to the Ordinary General Assembly held in Lusaka – Zambia, discussions were held on the following theme “Sustainable Rural Electrification Projects: Tariffs for mini-grids”.

10 sessions were organised with the technical and financial assistance of the AEEP – EUEI – PDF, ADEME, IFDD and COMESA, this was followed by a half day of B2B.

Find the summary of the discussions in the annex II.
Ordinary General Assembly

1. **Presentation of the report of the Executive Secretary from October 2016 to July 2017**

   In accordance with the rules, the Executive Secretary presented his report of activities covering the period from October 2016 to July 2017.

   After the presentation members had a discussion. The following items were considered:

   - Participants thanked the Department of Energy of Ivory Coast and CI-Energie for their continued financial, material and administrative support to the Association;
   - Participants expressed their satisfaction on activities implemented by the Executive Secretary;
   - Participants encouraged all members to be up-to-date with their contributions by contacting the Executive Secretary in order to suggest instalments of payments; a survey will be undertaken by the Executive Secretary to identify the reason of these delays in payments. A Steering Committee shall meet to rule on the conclusions of that survey;
   - Participants encouraged the Executive Secretary to take action to secure active participation of absent members;
   - The Executive Secretary shall present a strategy to the Steering Committee in order to:
     - Revitalise the working groups
     - Mobilise funds and partnership
     - Undertake procedures for affiliation to the African Union
     - Seek for new members

   All observation on this report will be submitted to the Executive Secretary, within eight days, for the final drafting of the report.

   During this Ordinary General Assembly, members welcomed an institutional member, NECSOM Somalia and two new Associate members namely Groupe CAHORS and CEGELEC Morocco.

   GIZ mentioned that it is suspending its membership but will continue to cooperate and support CLUB-ER in the organisation of this OGA and for the undertaken activities.

2. **Presidency of CLUB-ER**

   In accordance with the rules, the Presidency goes to the host country of the current OGA, namely Zambia, therefore, the Chief Executive Officer of REA Zambia accepted to chair the Association for the next two years (2017 - 2019).

3. **Renewal of the Steering Committee**

   According to the adopted rules during the OGA, members of the Steering Committee have been renewed as follows:

   - Host country of the headquarters: Côte d’Ivoire represented by CI-ENERGIES, representing West Africa Region
- Representative of North Africa region: Mauritania by ADER
- Representative of Central Africa region: Cameroon by ARSEL
- Representative of East Africa region: Kenya by REA

- There be no member from Southern Africa up-to-date in payment of contributions, the General Assembly extended the membership of Uganda REA on the Steering Committee.

Members wished to have another member in the region where the Secretariat is hosted. The debate on the matter shall continue in the next GA.

4. **Appointment of an Auditor**

According to the adopted rules during the EGA, the following members are auditors:

- AMADER Mali
- STEG-IS Tunisia

5. **Choice of the venue of the next Ordinary GA**

According to the rules, the outgoing Steering Committee proposed Mauritania through ADER to host the next Ordinary GA.

Members present, approved the proposal.

**Thanks**

Members present through the President thanked the Government of the Republic of Zambia for the warm welcome and for all the facilities availed to delegates.

Members present expressed their profound gratitude to REA Zambia and its CEO for a successful organisation of the second GA proceedings.

Members thanked technical and financial partners for successful sessions on thematic days.

The President closed the meeting at 2 PM.

Lusaka (Zambia), 7th September 2017

The Chairman,
Acting His Representative

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Mr N'GORAN Konan Norbert