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## FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT ON COOPERATION

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THIS FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT ON COOPERATION (Hereinafter: Document) is made between the African Forum for Utility Regulators ("AFUR") and Ibero-American Association of Energy Regulators ("ARIAE"), ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority ("ERERA"), Energy Regulators Regional Association ("ERRA"), Mediterranean Energy Regulators ("MEDREG"), Regional Electricity Regulators Association ("RERA"), collectively referred to as the "Parties",

**WHEREAS**, AFUR was founded in November 2002 and the establishment of AFUR was again supported in the Declaration of the First Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Electrical Energy (FCAMRE), held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 20 - 24 March, 2006, amongst others, (19/f) committed to: "...encourage the establishment of Regulatory Associations at the regional and continental levels, support and strengthen the African Forum for Utility Regulation (AFUR)..." and a further Memorandum of Understanding regarding collaboration was signed with the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA or the NEPAD Agency) in 2011.

**WHEREAS**, ARIAE was established in March 2000 in Argentina, gathers 23 energy regulators from 15 Iberoamerican countries, and provides a forum for communication and debate among specialists and professionals of the entities comprising it, in order to promote the exchange of regulatory experiences, share knowledge on energy regulation, promote staff education and capacity building and promote cooperation in common interest activities, including the research and development field.

**WHEREAS**, ERERA was established by Supplementary Act A/SA.2/1/08 of 18th January 2008 of the Authority of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Heads of State and Government with the mandate of regulating cross-border electricity exchanges, creating an enabling investment environment for regional power projects and providing technical support to national regulators of the electricity sector of ECOWAS Member States.

**WHEREAS**, ERRA was founded in 2001 with the purpose to improve national energy regulation in member countries (including enhancing regulatory methods and practices); foster development of stable Energy Regulators with autonomy and authority; and improve cooperation among Energy Regulators. There are now 30 full and 7 associate members working together in ERRA. The objectives of the Association are to increase communication, exchange of information, research and experience among Members, and increase access to energy regulatory information as well as experience around the world and promote opportunities for training and provide educational and training programs related to the purpose the Association.

**WHEREAS**, MEDREG is the Association of Mediterranean Energy Regulators, born in 2007 under the Italian law. MEDREG gathers 25 regulators from 21 Mediterranean countries. MEDREG promotes a transparent, stable and a common approach to regulation in the Mediterranean region with the aim to promote a transparent,

stable, and compatible regulatory framework in the region and to foster market integration, infrastructure investments, consumer protection and overall energy cooperation. MEDREG carries out its activities through a well-structured and effective internal cooperation process and external collaboration with energy stakeholders in the Mediterranean Basin, based on a bottom-up approach. MEDREG is co-funded by the European Union.

**WHEREAS**, RERA was established on 12 July 2002 by the Ministers responsible for Energy of the Member States of Southern African Development Community (SADC) as the Regional Electricity Regulators' Association for the SADC countries whose main objective is to facilitate the adoption, harmonization and implementation of regulatory policies, legislation, standards and practices that are in line with international best practices, to be a platform for effective cooperation among energy regulators within SADC region and to promote the development of a conducive regulatory environment for the improvement of the regional electricity regulation.

**CONSIDERING** that it is within the common interest of the Parties, whose members represent new and emerging energy markets, to enhance their cooperation;

**THEREFORE**, desiring to establish a beneficial cooperation, the Parties have reached the following understanding:

**Article I**  
**Purpose**

The purpose of this Document is to provide the general framework for cooperation between the Parties through transfer of knowledge and experience, sharing and establishing research documents and publications, joint support of the Parties' events and activities such as the World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER).

The Parties can benefit from each other's specific areas of expertise and experience with a view of improving the attractiveness and stability of market conditions for energy investments, consumer protection and promote universal access to sustainable energy. The ultimate purpose of this Document is to enhance synergies by an exchange of information, experiences and views in areas of work of common interest.

**Article II**  
**Areas of Cooperation and Responsible Organizations**

Specific areas of cooperation covered under this Document include, but are not limited to:

- a) Coordination of topics of joint interest for the Parties, in particular in view of the activities of the World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER) and the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER).
- b) Promoting the capacity building of member organizations including involving each other in their training programs.
- c) Organization of study visits between delegations of the Associations' members.
- d) Conducting benchmark and/ or case studies of topics of common interest.
- e) Cooperate with each other on an ad-hoc basis, in accordance with this Document.

The Parties agree to identify by consensus a coordinator for each of the above-mentioned areas of cooperation. Each coordinator will remain in place for two years. New areas of cooperation can be proposed during the face to face meetings of the Parties.

Parties are to meet at least once per year for a face to face meeting and to conduct virtual meetings in order to launch the jointly agreed projects, to evaluate the progress in the implementation of this Document and to revise and develop new plans for current or prospective activities, as deemed appropriate. The coordinators constitute the Coordination Committee and shall regularly communicate.

**Article III**  
**General Responsibilities of the Parties**

1. The Parties jointly agree to maintain a close working relationship in order to achieve the objectives of this collaboration.
2. The Parties shall refrain from any action that may adversely affect the interests of other Parties and fulfil their commitments with fullest regard for the terms and conditions of this Document
3. Unless expressly authorized by each Party in writing, the Parties are not allowed to use the name, emblem or official seal of other Parties, or any abbreviation thereof in connection with their business or otherwise.
4. All press releases or public statements relative to this Document or its implementation must be approved by all Parties, in writing, prior to release or disclosure.

**Article IV**  
**General Provisions**

1. **Financial resources.** This Document does not imply contribution to the budget of either party. The development of activities realised in the framework of cooperation will be subject to the assessment of budgetary availability of each party and its respective review and approval by each party.
2. **Amendments, admissions and revisions.** This Document may be amended only by written agreement of the Parties. The present Document is open to admission for new members by consensus. Any of the Parties may initiate the revision of this Document.
3. **Termination and withdrawal.** This Document on cooperation may be terminated by consensus of the Parties. Any Party may, unilaterally, withdraw from this Document by providing thirty days written notice to the others. In case of termination or withdrawal, the Parties take all necessary action as required to promptly and orderly terminate any Work Plan or project carried out or in progress in terms of this Document in a cost-effective manner.
4. Each Party is recognized to be separate and independent from each other and neither Party has the authority to bind or act on behalf of the others. As such, each Party retains its own identity and each party is responsible for establishing its own policies.
5. The undersigned representative of each Party represents, and the other Party relies upon such representation, that he or she has the authority to sign this Document on behalf of that Party.
6. The present Document has no legally binding nature and does not constitute any binding provision for the Parties, it is only an expression of common purpose and willingness of cooperation.

**Article V**  
**Notices**

Any notices required by this Document shall be given in writing and delivered to the following addresses:

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or at such other address as may be given from time to time in accordance with the terms of this notice provision.

The depository of the present Document is ERRA. Parties to this Document are to inform the depository about the designated focal points responsible for the execution of this Document.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have signed this Document in 6 (six) originals in the English language on the day set forth below.

For AFUR



Mr. James Manda on behalf of  
Mr. Iamaila Konate, Chairman

Date: 21/03/2018

For ARIAE



Mr. Daniel Schmerler Vainstein  
President

Date: 21/03/2018

For ERERA



Pr. Honoré Djamah Ségui Bogler  
Chairman

Date: 21/03/2018

For ERRA



Mr. Märt Ots  
Chairman

Date: 21/03/2018

For MEDREG



Dr. Alexandre Santos  
President

Date: 21/03/2018

For RERA



Dr. Eng. Gloria Magombo  
Chairperson

Date: 21/03/2018

## **ANNEX – List of Member Regulators**

Albania – ERE, Albanian Electricity Regulatory Authority  
Algeria – CREG, Electricity and Gas Regulation Commission  
Algeria – ARH, Hydrocarbon Regulatory Authority  
Armenia – PSRC, Public Service Regulatory Commission  
Argentina – ENARGAS, Ente Nacional Regulador del Gas  
Argentina – ENRE, Ente Nacional Regulador de la Electricidad  
Azerbaijan – TC, Tariff (Price) Council  
Bhutan – BEA, Bhutan Electricity Authority  
Bolivia – AE, Autoridad de Fiscalización y Control Social de Electricidad  
Bolivia – ANH, Agencia Nacional de Hidrocarburos  
Bosnia and Herzegovina – SERC, State Electricity Regulatory Commission  
Bosnia and Herzegovina – FERK, Regulatory Commission for Energy in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Bosnia and Herzegovina – RERS, Regulatory Commission for Energy in Republika Srpska  
Brasil – ANEEL, Agência Nacional do Energia Elétrica  
Brasil – ANP, Agência Nacional de Petróleo, Gás Natural e Biocombustíveis  
Bulgaria – EWRC, Energy and Water Regulatory Commission  
Burkina Faso – ARSE, Autorité de Régulation du Sous-secteur de l'Electricité  
Cameroon – ARSEL, Electricity Sector Regulatory Agency  
Cameroon – HSPF, Hydrocarbon Prices Stabilization Fund  
Chile – CNE, Comisión Nacional de Energía  
Chile – SEC, Superintendencia de Electricidad y Combustibles  
Colombia – CREG, Comisión de Regulación de Energía y Gas  
Costa Rica – ARESEP, Autoridad Reguladora de Servicios Públicos  
CRIE, Comisión Regional de Interconexión Eléctrica  
Croatia – HERA, Croatian Energy Regulatory Agency  
Cyprus – CERA, Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority  
Estonia – ECA, Estonian Competition Authority  
Egypt – EGYPTERA, Egyptian Electric Utility and Consumer Protection Regulatory Agency  
Egypt – EGR, Egyptian Gas Regulator  
Ecuador – ARCONEL, Agencia Nacional de Regulación y Control de Electricidad  
France – CRE, Regulatory Commission of Energy  
Georgia – GNERC, Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission  
Ghana – PURC, Public Utilities Regulatory Commission  
Greece – RAE, Regulatory Authority for Energy

Guatemala – CNEE, Comisión Nacional de Energía Eléctrica  
Hungary – HEA, Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority  
Israel – PUA, Public Utilities Authority - Electricity  
Israel – NGA, Natural Gas Authority  
Italy – AEEGSI, Italian Regulatory Authority for Electricity, Gas and Water  
Ivory Coast – ANARE, Autorité Nationale de Régulation du Secteur de l’Energie  
Jordan – EMRC, Energy & Minerals Regulatory Commission  
Jordan – MEMR, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources  
Kazakhstan – Committee on Regulation of Natural Monopolies, Protection of Competition and Consumer Rights under the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan  
Kenya – ERC, Energy Regulatory Commission  
Kyrgyz Republic – State Agency for Fuel and Energy Complex Regulation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic  
Latvia – PUC, Public Utilities Commission  
Lesotho – LEWA, Lesotho Electricity Water Authority  
Libya – ME, Ministry of Electricity & Renewable Energy  
Lithuania – NCC, National Commission for Energy Control and Prices  
Macedonia – ERC, Energy Regulatory Commission  
Malawi – MERA, Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority  
Mali – CREE, Commission Malienne de Régulation d’électricité et d’eau  
Malta – REWS, Regulator for Energy & Water Services  
Mauritania – ARE, Autorité de Régulation de la Maurétanie  
Mexico – CNH, Comisión Nacional de Hidrocarburos  
Mexico – CRE, Comisión Reguladora de Energía  
Moldova – ANRE, National Energy Regulatory Agency  
Mongolia – ERC, Energy Regulatory Commission  
Montenegro – REGAGEN, Energy Regulatory Agency  
Morocco – MEMEE, Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and the Environment  
Namibia – ECB, Electricity Control Board  
Niger – ARM, L’Autorité de Régulation Multisectorielle  
Nigeria – NERC, Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission  
Oman – AER, Authority for Electricity Regulation  
Pakistan – NEPRA, National Electric Power Regulatory Authority  
Palestine – PERC, Palestinian Electricity Regulatory Council  
Panamá – ASEP, Autoridad Nacional de los Servicios Públicos

Perú – OSINERGMIN, Organismo Supervisor de Inversión en Energía y Minería  
Poland – ERO, Energy Regulatory Office  
Portugal – ERSE, Energy Services Regulatory Authority  
Portugal – ENMC, Entidade Nacional para o Mercado dos Combustíveis  
Puerto Rico – CEPR, Comisión de Energía  
República Dominicana – SIE, Superintendencia de Electricidad  
Romania – ANRE, Romanian Energy Regulatory Authority  
Russian Federation – FAS, Federal Antimonopoly Service  
Rwanda – RURA, Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority  
Saudi Arabia – ECRA, Electricity and Co-Generation Regulatory Authority  
Serbia – AERS, Energy Agency of Serbia  
Senegal – CRSE, Commission de Régulation du Secteur de l'Electricité  
Slovakia – ÚRSO, Regulatory Office for Network Industries  
Slovenia - AGEN-RS, Energy Agency of the Republic of Slovenia  
South Africa – NERSA, National Energy Regulator of South Africa  
Spain – CNMC, National Commission on Markets and Competition  
Tanzania – EWURA, Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority  
The Gambia – PURA, The Gambia Public Utilities Regulatory Authority  
Togo – ARSE, Autorité de Réglementation du Secteur de l'Electricité  
Tunisia – MEMER, Minister of Energy, Mines and Renewable Energies  
Turkey – EMRA, Energy Market Regulatory Authority  
Ukraine – NEURC, National Energy and Utilities Regulatory Commission  
UAE – RSB Dubai, Regulatory and Supervisory Bureau for Electricity and Water of Dubai  
UNMIK – ERO, Energy Regulatory Office  
Uruguay – URSEA, Unidad Reguladora de Servicios de Energía y Agua  
USA – NARUC, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners  
Zimbabwe - ZERA, Zimbabwe Electricity Regulatory Authority  
Zambia – ERB, Energy Regulation Board