



**FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF
STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

Abuja, 17 – 18 July, 2013

**SUPPLEMENTARY ACT A/SA.2/07/13 ON THE ECOWAS ENERGY
EFFICIENCY POLICY**

THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES,

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and function;

MINDFUL of Article 28 of the ECOWAS Treaty relating to the coordination and harmonization of the Energy Policy of the Members States;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.3/5/82 relating to the adoption of the ECOWAS Energy Policy, adopted by the Authority of Heads of State and Government in 1982;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.17/01/03 of the Authority of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government relating to the ECOWAS Energy Protocol;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.24/01/06 relating to the ECOWAS/UEMOA Regional Policy on Access to Energy Services for Populations in Rural and Suburban Areas for Poverty Reduction towards the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG. 23/11/08 of the sixty-first Council of Ministers relating to the establishment of the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy efficiency (ECREEE);

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CONSIDERING the project document relating to the establishment of ECREEE, officially adopted by ECOWAS and its Partners;

MINDFUL of the Supplementary Act A/SA.9/12/08 of December 2008 relating to the Headquarters of ECREEE;

MINDFUL of the Enabling Rule PEC/ER/1/01/11 relating to the organisation and the activities of ECREEE;

MINDFUL of the objectives of the UN Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) Initiative which aims at universal access to modern energy services by 2030; doubling the rate to improve energy efficiency worldwide; doubling the share of renewables in the global energy mix;

AWARE that renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions can address the challenges of energy access, energy security and climate change mitigation simultaneously and effectively in the ECOWAS region;

AWARE of the urgency to address the various existing barriers hindering the exploitation of the manifold renewable energy potentials in the ECOWAS region;

AWARE that renewable energy technologies offer increasingly interesting opportunities to meet the growing urban electricity demand and to boost access to sustainable energy services in rural areas;

AWARE that demographic growth and urbanization have resulted in an increased demand for electricity and wood-fuel;

AGREEING that there is emerging awareness on the technical and economical feasibility of exploiting the regions huge renewable energy potential;

AWARE that market trends indicate a consistent price reduction for renewable energy technologies making them more competitive and offering opportunities for the diversification of the Region's energy sources;



CONVINCED that Energy is a resource, a collective service, and at the same time, a production factor of multisectorial dimension that lies at the heart of any socio-economic development process and essential for meeting fundamental human needs (food, health, education, etc.);

AWARE of the need of improving energy security, increase access to modern energy services and support the region's economic and social development in an environmentally benign manner through the promotion and use of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies in ECOWAS Member States;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Seventieth Session of the Council of Ministers, held in Abidjan on the 20th and 21st June 2013;

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1:

The Energy Efficiency Policy and Action Plan for implementation of the energy efficiency policy are hereby adopted.

Article 2

1. The overall objective of the Energy Efficiency policy by 2020 is to improve energy efficiency in the ECOWAS Region to levels of international standards.
2. The specific target of the regional policy is:
 - (i) to implement efficiency measures that free-up 2 000 MW of power generation capacity by 2020;
 - (ii) phase out inefficient incandescent lamps by 2020;
 - (iii) reduce average losses in electricity distribution from the current levels of 15 - 40% to the world standard levels of below 10%, by 2020;

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- (iv) achieve universal access to safe, clean, affordable, efficient and sustainable cooking for the entire population of ECOWAS, by 2030;
- (v) adopt region-wide standards and labels for major energy equipment by end of 2014;
- (vi) develop and adopt region-wide efficiency standards for buildings (e.g. building codes);
- (vii) Create instruments for financing sustainable energy, including carbon finance, by the end of 2013, and in the longer term, establish a regional fund for the development and implementation of sustainable energy projects;

Article 3:

In order to attain the objectives of the Energy Efficiency Policy, five (5) priority regional initiatives shall be launched. These include:

- i. ECOWAS Initiative on Efficient Lighting
- ii. ECOWAS Initiative on High Performance Distribution of Electricity
- iii. ECOWAS Initiative on Safe, Sustainable and Affordable Cooking
- iv. ECOWAS Standards and Labelling Initiative
- v. ECOWAS Initiative on Financing Sustainable Energy

Article 4:

ECOWAS and its Member States shall implement the Energy Efficiency Policy, which is one of the objectives of the ECOWAS/UEMOA White Paper to increase access to energy services for populations in rural and peri-urban areas.

Article 5:

The ECOWAS Commission shall mobilise the necessary financial resources for the implementation of the Action Plan of the Policy on Energy Efficiency.



Article 6:

The **ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)** is mandated to ensure effective coordination of Member States and Development Partners for the implementation of the ECOWAS Policy on Energy Efficiency.

Article 7: Publication

This Supplementary Act shall be published by the Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of Authority. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Gazette within the same time frame.

Article 8: Entry into Force

1. This Supplementary Act shall enter into force upon its publication. Consequently, signatory Member States and the Institutions of ECOWAS undertake to commence the implementation of its provisions on its entry into force;
2. This Supplementary Act is annexed to the ECOWAS Treaty of which it is an integral part.

Article 9: Depository Authority


This Supplementary Act shall be deposited with the Commission which shall transmit certified true copies thereof to all Member States and shall register it with the African Union, the United Nations and such other organizations as Council may determine.

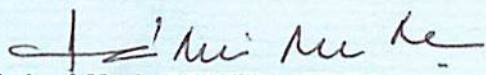
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES, HAVE
SIGNED THIS SUPPLEMENTARY ACT**


DONE AT ABUJA THIS 18TH DAY OF JULY 2013

**IN SINGLE ORIGINAL IN THE ENGLISH, FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE
LANGUAGES, ALL THREE (3) TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC**




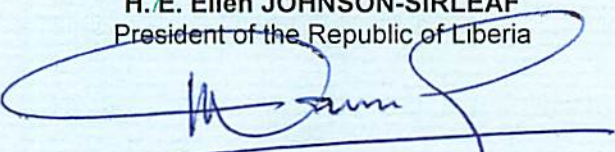

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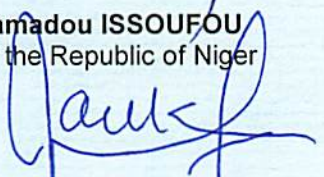

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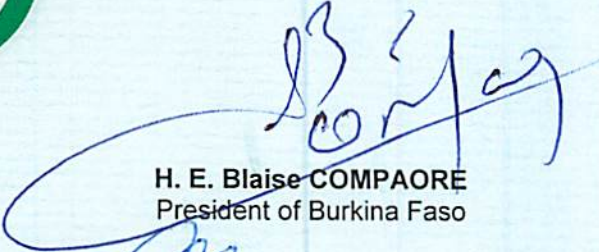
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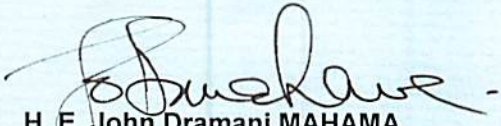

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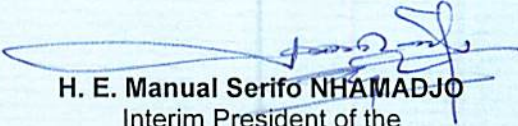

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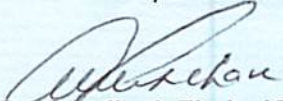

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