



SEVENTIETH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abidjan, 20 – 21 June 2013

RECOMMANDATION REC.4/06/13 13 ON THE ECOWAS RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS;

MINDFUL articles 10, 11, and 12 of the ECOWAS revised Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

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);

CONSIDERING the Project Document on the establishment of Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency formally adopted by ECOWAS and its Partners;

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

MINDFUL of Enabling Rule PEC/ER/1/01/11 Relating to the Organisation and Operation 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;

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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.);

CONSCIOUS of the need to improve 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 PROPOSAL of the Seventieth Session of the Council of Ministers which held in Abidjan from 20 – 21 June 2013.

RECOMMEND to the Authority of Heads of States and Government to adopt the attached Draft Supplementary Act on the ECOWAS Renewable Energy Policy.

DONE AT ABIDJAN THIS 21ST DAY OF JUNE 2013



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CHAIRMAN

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