



Draft Concept note and Agenda

Official Launch of the SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency – SACREEE

24 October 2018

Safari Hotels, Corner of Auas and Aviation Streets, Windhoek, Namibia

The official Launch of SACREEE is complemented by a series of sustainable energy events on 22-24 October 2018

which are organised in partnership with





The Government of the Republic of Namibia in cooperation with the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the operational unit of the Austrian Development Cooperation, are organising the official launch of the SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (**SACREEEE**).

The launch event will take place under the presence of the Honourable Ministers and senior energy officials of the SADC Member States and with participation of representatives from power utilities, regulators as well as regional and international experts and International Cooperation Partners.

On the occasion of the **Official Launch of SACREEEE**, a series of complimenting events will take place, which are supported by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), COMESA and the European Union (EU).

The events take place under the current Chairmanship of the Government of Namibia in SADC and under the auspices of **His Excellency President Hage G. Geingob**.

The SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

The SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE) was established as a subsidiary organisation of SADC, by the SADC Ministers responsible for Energy in 2015 and endorsed by the 35th SADC Council of Ministers Meeting through Decision 61.

SACREEE is being established with technical support of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and financial assistance of the Austrian Development Agency (ADA). The SACREEE Secretariat is hosted by the Government of Namibia in Windhoek.

SACREEE was mandated to contribute to increased access to modern energy services, and improved energy security across the SADC Region through the promotion of market based adoption of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies and energy services in SADC Member States.

In implementing its mandate, SACREEE supports the region's sustainable development objectives through:

- ✓ resource mobilisation;
- ✓ policy;
- ✓ quality assurance;
- ✓ capacity building and knowledge management;
- ✓ communication; and
- ✓ promoting investment, entrepreneurship and innovation;

SACREEE is a subsidiarity agency of SADC with the instrument of its establishment being an Inter-Governmental Memorandum of Agreement (IGMoA) signed by all Member States.

The SACREEE Secretariat is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of all the SADC Member States represented at Director of Energy level and the main donor to SACREEE. In addition, a Technical Committee provides monitoring and review functions on behalf of the Board of Directors, and technical advice and opinion to the same.



The SACREEE Secretariat actively maintains links to Member States' nominated **National Focal Institutions (NFIs)**, one in each Member State. The NFIs manage an active network of key renewable energy and energy efficiency stakeholders within their country.

SACREEE is funded by contributions from Member States and by donor support through the implementation of projects.

SACREEE is member of the Global Network of Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC) coordinated by UNIDO. The network is supported by the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC), the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECID), European Union (EU), the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and other partners.

Participants of the official launch of SACREEE

The official launch of SACREEE will bring together high level policy makers at Ministerial and Directors level of the SADC Member States, Utilities, Regulators, SADC institutions, Development Partners and Financial Institutions, the Private Sector, Academia and Regional and International Experts.

Approximately 200 guests expected.

Schedule of complimenting events

Jointly held with the SACREEE launch are a series of workshops and meetings within the objective to:

- Present an overview of SACREEE and its current projects under implementation;
- Present the current status of the African Clean Energy Corridor work which is implemented jointly between IRENA/Southern Africa Power Pool (SAPP), RERA and SACREEE;
- Present **Enhancement of a Sustainable Regional Energy Market in East Africa-Southern Africa- Indian Ocean (EA-SA-IO) Regions** by the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) propose common work streams;
- Discuss the outcomes of the first call for proposals of the SADC RE Entrepreneurship Support Facility and the planned activities for 2018/2019 by IRENA and SACREEE;
- Hold a consultative meeting on the Energy Efficient Lighting and Appliances Program (EELA) which is currently in its first phase. The program is funded by Sida and implemented by UNIDO in cooperation with SACREEE, East African Centre of Excellence for Renewable Energy and Efficiency (EACREEE) and technical partners.

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- Clean Energy Corridor Workshop – closed meeting

23 October 2018

- Continuation of the SACREEE Clean Energy Corridor Workshop – closed meeting
- SACREEE Steering Committee Meeting – closed meeting
- EE Lighting and Appliances Workshop – closed meeting
- Public dialogue Forum on youth and innovation – open meeting

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- Entrepreneurship Workshop – closed meeting
- Continuation of the EE Lighting and Appliances Workshop – closed meeting

An exhibition will be held on 23-24 October



Draft Program

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TIME	ACTIVITY
08:30	Registration and arrival of Delegates
09:00	National, SADC and African Union Anthems Cultural performance
09:30	Director of Ceremonies – Mr. Ricardo M. Goagoseb Welcome by Hon. Kornelia Shilunga, Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy Remarks <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. John Titus, Chair of the SACREEE Steering Committee2. Mr. Gurbuz Gonul, Acting Director, Country Support and Partnerships, IRENA3. Mr. Philippe Scholtes, Managing Director, UNIDO4. Mr. Martin Ledolter, Managing Director, ADA5. Dr. Domingos Gove, Director, Food Agriculture and Natural Resources, SADC Secretariat Presentation of SACREEE and its flagship programs, Mr. Kudakwashe Ndhukula, Executive Director of SACREEE
11:00	Health Break
11:20	Round Table Discussion of SACREEE partners, Theme “Promoting Sustainable Energy for Infrastructure Development through Regional Cooperation” (moderated by Mr. Elijah C. Sichone, Executive Secretary, Regional Electricity Regulators Association of Southern Africa -RERA)
11:50	Round Table Discussion by SADC Ministers of Energy, Theme “Upscaling Sustainable Energy for the Industrialisation Agenda and Youth Empowerment for the SADC Region” (moderated by Dr. Domingos Gove, Director, Food Agriculture and Natural Resources, SADC Secretariat)
12:30	Official Launch of SACREEE by the Hon. Tom Alweendo, Minister of Mines and Energy of Namibia Signing Ceremony of the IGMoA – Chaired by Hon. Tom Alweendo, Minister of Mines and Energy of Namibia Vote of Thanks African Union, SADC and National Anthems Closing of the Official Launch Event
13:00	Family picture and Networking Lunch



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