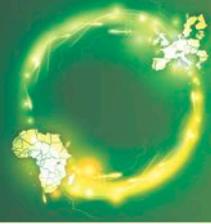


Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme

Creating opportunities for renewable energy



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SOUTHERN AFRICAN CENTRE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY SACREEE

Background

Access to reliable and affordable energy remains a central challenge to socio-economic development in the Southern African Development Community (SADC). Most countries in the region are planning to increase their use of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies and services as part of their efforts to improve energy access and security, especially reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

However, many barriers remain. Inadequate policies and regulation, low levels of development of technologies and suitable standards as well as limited capacities, limited information, and a lack of finance are standing in the way of renewable energy and energy efficiency market development in the region.

In particular on policy and regulation level, but also on capacity development and information and knowledge sharing there is a great potential for regional cooperation and thereby the creation of a regional market. As a response, the SADC Secretariat approached the EUEI PDF to support with the development of the conceptual, institutional, and political framework for the creation of a Southern African Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE). The project was implemented in close coordination with UNIDO and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA).

Objectives

The immediate objective of the project has been to provide input to the establishment process of the Southern African Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE), thereby facil-



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Region	Southern Africa
Project partner	Southern African Development Community (SADC)
Term	January 2013 – August 2013

itating the establishment of an institution that will serve to promote the use of renewable energy and the efficient use of energy.

Activities

The main activities of the project were:

- » identification and consultation of key stakeholders in the region from SADC member countries, the renewable energy and energy efficiency industry, etc.
- » preparation of a Concept Note for the conceptual and institutional foundations of SACREEE
- » stakeholder consultation workshop (March 2013) including all SADC member states, various private sector actors from the region and international cooperation partners
- » elaboration of a Project Document jointly with SADC Member States and international partners
- » validation workshop (July 2013) in order to establish a broad consensus on the Project Document amongst key stakeholders from the region.



Vision Statement of SACREEE:

Increase access to modern energy services and increase energy security by promoting the adoption of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies and services in SADC Member states, thereby supporting the region's economic and social development in an environmentally benign manner.

Mission Statement of SACREEE:

Promoting market-based adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies and services in SADC member states, thereby supporting the region's sustainable development objectives through: resource mobilisation, policy and quality assurance, capacity building and knowledge management and communication and promoting investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency projects and programs.

Results and conclusions

- » The areas of work for SACREEE as defined by the stakeholders, include, amongst others:
 1. Development of regional and national policy and regulatory frameworks conducive to investments
 2. Development and strengthening of capacities of governments as well as the local industry
 3. Provision of market information and data
 4. Facilitation of investments in infrastructure and services.
- » Mobilisation of support: through the project, the SADC Secretariat has been able to create visibility and awareness, as well as to mobilise support for the SACREEE establishment – a critical ingredient for its future sustainability.
- » Final Project document: The final project document was agreed by the SADC Member States and is ready to be adopted by SADC energy ministers and the SADC Council.

The way forward

- » Energy Ministers of the SADC region are expected to come to a final decision on a host country for SACREEE in mid-2014 after which the centre shall become operational.

In order for SACREEE to be sustainable, a number of recommendations emerged during the project:

- » Institutional coherence and cooperation: SACREEE should work in close cooperation with the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) and the Regional Electricity Regulators Association (RERA) that will be represented on the SACREEE Governing Board, as well as with Member State ministries responsible for energy.
- » Ethics and service orientation: In light of the overall project sustainability, SACREEE should develop and adopt a code of conduct and work ethics governing its operations and work towards delivering services to SADC member states as well as other stakeholders.
- » Close links to the private sector: For the promotion of both energy efficiency and renewable energy it is critical to build on strong links with the private sector.
- » Commitment from SADC region: For the long-term sustainability of SACREEE as well as for the short-term support by international partners, strong commitment, including the allocation of resources is required from the SADC Member States.

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