



11th MEETING OF MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY

RESOLUTION 1

RELATING TO THE ECOWAS ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICY

THE MEETING OF MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY;

MINDFUL OF article 28 of the revised 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);

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;

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;

Upon recommendations of the experts meeting held in Dakar, Senegal, from June 25 to 27, 2012;

DECIDES

ARTICLE 1

The Member States and the regional organisation (ECOWAS) commit themselves to engage in an Energy Efficiency Policy, which is part of the objectives of the White Paper ECOWAS / UEMOA to increase access to energy services for populations rural, and peri- and its Plan of Action and strategy for implementation.

The overall objective of regional policy by 2020 is to improve energy efficiency in the ECOWAS Regions to levels of international standard.

The specific target of the regional policy is to implement efficiency measures that free-up 2 000 MW of power generation capacity by 2020:

- phase out inefficient incandescent lamps by 2020;



- reduce average losses in electricity distribution from the current levels of 15 - 40% to the world standard levels of below 10%, by 2020;
- achieve universal access to safe, clean, affordable, efficient and sustainable cooking for the entire population of ECOWAS, by 2030;
- adopt region-wide standards and labels for major energy equipment by end of 2014;
- develop and adopt region-wide efficiency standards for buildings (e.g. building codes);
- 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 2: Action Plan for the implementation of the Policy

In order to obtain the objectives of the Energy Efficiency Policy, launch five priority regional initiatives.

- ECOWAS Initiative on Efficient Lighting
- ECOWAS Initiative on High Performance Distribution of Electricity
- ECOWAS Initiative on Safe, Sustainable and Affordable Cooking
- ECOWAS Standards and Labelling Initiative
- ECOWAS Initiative on Financing Sustainable Energy

ARTICLE 3

The Energy Efficiency Policy and Action Plan for implementation, based on the five ECOWAS initiatives on energy efficiency are hereby adopted.

ARTICLE 4

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

ARTICLE 5

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 6

The Ministers in Charge of Energy recommend to the ECOWAS Council of Ministers to submit for adoption by the ECOWAS Head of State and Government, the attached Regional Energy Efficiency Policy.

DONE IN ACCRA, THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2012

FOR THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY

THE CHAIRMAN