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CONCEPT NOTE

**THE FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF
THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
OF THE
AFRICAN UNION SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

ON

**TRANSPORT, TRANSCONTINENTAL AND INTERREGIONAL
INFRASTRUCTURES, ENERGY AND TOURISM**

Nouakchott, Mauritania

21 - 23 March, 2018

I. BACKGROUND

The First Ordinary Session of the AU Specialized Technical Committee on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism (STC-TTIIET) was held in March 2017 in Lomé, Togo. The STC-TTIIET in accordance with its rules of proceedings, adopted the creation of three sub-committees including: (a) Sub-Committee on Energy, (b) Sub-Committee on Transport and (c) the Sub-Committee on Tourism. The STC-TTIIET also adopted Plans of Actions for the various sub-sectors. The outcomes of the Lomé STC-TTIIET were considered by the AU Summit in July 2017, with recommendation for the AUC to implement the recommendations of Lomé STC-TTIIET (Ex.CL (1024(XXXI))). In this context, the Bureau of the STC-TTIIET held its first meeting in Addis Ababa 25-26 July 2017 and as an outcome, recommended the operationalization of the sub-committees of the STC-TTIIET. The African Union Commission (AUC) in collaboration with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania plans to host the First Ordinary Session of the STC Sub-Committee on Energy of the STC on Transport, Intercontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism (STC-TTIIET), from 21 – 23 March, 2018 in Nouakchott, Mauritania.

The Energy sector Plans of Action covers key areas including energy technologies, policies, regulations and infrastructure development. There are several on-going projects at the continental and regional levels including the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), the AfDB New Deal on Energy, the Africa Clean Energy Corridor, the Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI), the Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility, the Programme Harmonisation of Regulatory Frameworks in the African Energy Sector, the Programme on Africa Bioenergy Policy Framework and Guidelines, among others. The major role of the STC Sub-Committee on Energy is to monitor and evaluate the implementation of these vital continental and regional projects including ensuring availability of adequate financial and human resources for implementation.

The main decisions of the Lomé STC-TTIIET on energy technologies include the operationalization of the Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI) and the AfDB New Deal on Energy. The main decisions on energy policies and regulations include the continued implementation of the programme on Harmonised Regulatory Frameworks in the Energy Sector and the Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) in Africa Initiative.

The First Ordinary Session of the STC-TTIIET that took place in Lomé, Togo in March 2017 already established the STC Sub-Committee on Energy. Therefore, the Bureau of the STC Sub-Committee on Energy has the same configuration as the Bureau of the STC-TTIIET with the following countries forming the Bureau of the Sub-Committee: Chair from Togo (for West Africa), 1st Vice-Chair Mauritania (North Africa), 2nd Vice-Chair -Zimbabwe (South Africa), 3rd Vice-Chair - Ethiopia (East Africa), and Rapporteur from the Republic of Congo (Central Africa).

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE STC-TTIIET Sub-Committee on Transport Meeting

The overall objective of the STC-TTIIET Sub-Committee on Energy Meeting is to take stock of the outcomes of the July 2017 Summit and the approved Action Plans on Energy. The STC-TTIIET Sub-Committee on Energy will deliberate on a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) System to follow-up on the implementation of the Action Plans on Energy.

The specific objectives are:

- Establishment of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee in accordance with the rules of procedure of the STC-TTIIET;
- Consideration of the outcome of the July 2017 Summit and review of Action Plans;
- Establishment of Expert Working Groups and Task Teams if required;
- Adoption of a mechanism for monitoring and evaluation the implementation of the Energy sector action plans;
- Adoption of the sub-Committee on Energy Declaration and Recommendations.

III. AGENDA

This will be the first meeting of the Sub-Committee. Therefore the focus of the meeting would be to adopt the functioning of the Sub-Committee and establish its work plan 2017- 2019.

EXPERT SESSION: 21 - 22 March, 2018

A. Preliminaries:

- Opening Ceremony;
- Procedural matters;
 - Consideration and adoption of the STC-TTIIET Sub-Committee Bureaux;
 - Adoption of Agenda and Work Programme.

B. Working Sessions:

- Presentations and review of existing continental and regional programmes and projects on energy;
- Consideration of Reports and Working Documents on energy;
- Considerations of proposals on implementation by continental and regional institutions.

C. Working Sessions:

- Review of the Lomé Action Plan recommendations and monitoring mechanisms;
- Establishment of Expert working groups and Task teams if required;
- Deliberation on the Action Plan of the Sub-Committee on Energy (2017- 2019);
- Presentation of draft implementation plans and budgets;
- Consideration of the Draft Expert Report.

D. CLOSING CEREMONY

MINISTERIAL MEETING: 23 March, 2018

E. Preliminaries:

- Opening Ceremony;
- Procedural matters;
 - Consideration and adoption of the STC-TTIIET Sub-Committee Bureaux;
 - Adoption of Agenda and Work programme.

F. Working Sessions:

- Presentation and adoption of the Experts' Report; and
- Adoption of the Final Communique of the sub-Committee.

G. CLOSING CEREMONY

IV. EXPECTED RESULTS

The expected results are: the dissemination of the outcome of the Assembly decision of July 2017, establishing the functioning of the Sub-Committee and its Expert task teams if required and, a **Ministerial Declaration** with recommendations to be submitted to the STC-TTIIET.

V. PARTICIPATION

The STC-TTIIET Sub-Committee Meeting on Energy will be attended by (1) Ministers of Energy from Member States; (2) Continental and Regional Organizations; (3) Energy Experts; (4) Development Partners; (5) academia and Civil Society organizations.

VI. VENUE AND DATES

The First Ordinary Session meeting of the STC-TTIIET Sub-Committee on Energy will be held in Nouakchott, Mauritania from 21 – 23 March, 2018.

VII. CONTACT INFORMATION

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