

# Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa



## GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Multinational: COMESA; P-Z1-FAO-186		
Name of Project: Regional Harmonization of Regulatory Frameworks and Tools for Improved Electricity Regulation in COMESA		

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The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) has received a Grant from the African Development Fund to finance the Regional Harmonization of Regulatory Frameworks and Tools for Improved Electricity Regulation in COMESA.

The Regional Harmonization of Regulatory Frameworks and Tools for Improved Electricity Regulation in COMESA (the “Project”) is a regional initiative designed to enhance the sustainability of the electricity sector of the region through effective, uniform, transparent and enforceable regulatory frameworks that set out clear principles, rules, processes and standards for COMESA member countries.

The project will substantially strengthen and enhance the technical capacity of RAERESA and its members through the various, studies, tools and guidelines that will be developed under the Project. The Project reports will also provide relevant knowledge, data and insight on critical issues in the sector with respect to economic regulation, including tariff analysis and models, and quality of service regulation in terms of utility performance measures.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The specific objective of the project is to harmonize and align regulatory frameworks to facilitate electricity exchanges among COMESA member countries. A combination of studies, capacity building and development of tools will be undertaken to realise these main objectives.

The grants will fund technical assistance to promote the development and adoption of regional electricity regulatory principles, enhance capacity to monitor utility performance across the region, conduct a cross-border analysis of electricity tariffs, and develop a centralized database management system in both blocs.

The Project seeks to provide tools for harmonizing regulatory frameworks to facilitate the smooth and timely completion, and utilization/operation of regional energy infrastructure. This will further enhance regional electricity trade, which is critical to COMESA.

The project comprises the following four components:

**a. Component 1. Elaboration and Adoption of Regional Electricity Regulatory Principles (RERP), Regulatory and Utility Key Performance Indicators (UKPI) for COMESA:**

This component will involve developing best practice regulatory guidelines that espouse principles, practices and key performance indicators (KPIs) and a standardized comparative dataset and utility key performance indicators (UKPIs) for the region to uniformly measure, assess and monitor performance of utilities for benchmark or yardstick regulations (as part of incentive regulation), to be adopted at regional ministerial level and thereafter, will be consistently applied and monitored in COMESA region.

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**b. Component 2. Harmonized Comparison of Electricity Tariffs (HCET) and Cost Reflectivity Assessment Framework Tool (CRAFT):**

This component will involve comparative analysis of tariffs, tariff frameworks and underlying drivers of tariffs across the electricity value chain of COMESA member countries with a focus on cost reflectivity assessment and harmonization of regional electricity tariff frameworks particularly on wheeling charges. A harmonized framework and tool for continuous assessment of cost reflectivity of tariffs would be developed.

**c. Component 3. Development of Information and Database Management System (IDBMS):**

Recognizing the importance of readily accessible and reliable data for informed decision-making by stakeholders, this component seeks to bridge the current information gap by developing a robust Energy information database management system and data architecture for digital collection, storage, retrieval and dissemination of energy data and information across COMESA member countries. The digital platform to be developed will allow COMESA member countries to provide timely and accurate data on a centralised digital platform.

**d. Component 4 Project Management**

This component covers project staff costs, supervision missions, preparation of progress reports, audits and financial statements, as well as the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) process, including the Project Completion Report (PCR). This component will be co-financed with the COMESA Secretariat.

COMESA is the Executing Agency of the Project and that the Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA) of COMESA is the Implementing Agency of the Project and will be assisted by the Energy Regulators Association of East Africa (EREA) of East

Africa Community (EAC).

4. The acquisition of consulting services financed by the Bank for the Programme, will be carried out in accordance with the Bank's Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations dated October 2015 and in line with the provisions stated in the Grant Agreement. Requests for Expressions of Interest for the acquisition of various consulting services are expected to be issued by **March 2022**.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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