

MINUTES OF WORKING GROUP MEETING

VENUE: CTICC, CAPE TOWN,RSA

DATE : 13 MAY 2013

Attendees:

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	DISCUSSION ITEMS	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
1.	Opening/Welcome		
•	David Mbewe, acting convener opened the meeting and welcomed all members.		
2.	Apologies		
•	Thabiso Phathe- No apology Dr Hendri Geldenhuys- No apology Mmatholo Mabotja-No apology Uresh Singh – No apology Patricia Ocan- Attended Board meeting Gyavira Bwalya- Attended Board meeting	letcher 2012 and Arondo	
3. •	Approval of the previous minutes of the EWG meeting held on 18 O The agenda was approved and accepted by all present Minutes were reviewed and approved as correct recording of proceedings of EWG meeting with the following correction Oungu To specify REA countries Correction of numbering	Clober 2012 and Agenda	

DISCUSSI	ON ITEMS	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
4. Confirmation of Working Group Office Bearers and changes			
 Convener : Gyavira Bwalya Deputy Convener : Dr Hendri Geldenhuys Secretary : Jacqueline Chauke 			
5. Confirmation of Active Work	ng Group Members		
To request the secretariat to communicate with ZESA and SNEL regarding membership in EWG		Jacqueline Chauke to take it up with Paul	Before next meeting
Utility	Last Attendance		
SNEL - DRC	2010		
ZESA - ZIMBABWE	2010		
6. PIESA Pilot Projects		 	
• SWER in Zimbabwe- 95% of the project is complete, On testing of electrodes, poor readings were found. This delayed the commissioning of the project. Correct measures in place currently to improve the readings and planned commission by end of June 2013.		Francis Nyikayaramba	
Renewable Energy -Micro Grid Tanzania The interested investor withdrew, therefore project is on hold.		Robert M Semsella	
7. Overview of the PIESA Plenary Meeting			
Nothing was discussed			

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8. Specific Objectives of Working Group				
 Complete SWER project and give a detailed report on challenges encountered- planned commission by end of June, 2013 To bring in University students on board to collect information of systems used within PIESA countries 	Francis Nyikayaramba Jacqueline Chauke to liaise with the deputy and PIESA office for feedback	30 June 2013 Before next meeting		
9. EWG Action Plans for three year Strategic Planning 2012-2014				
Could not be discussed further, awaiting outcome of research to be done by University graduates.	All members			
10. WG Training Courses				
 Geographically Information System Training Scope of Training Overview What it can do Technical elements Databases Computing platforms Communications requirements (interface) Staff training> qualifications System design, software option and compatibilities Implementation, planning Extent of information collection 	All members Jacqueline Chauke to liaise with the Convener and PIESA office to organize training. Before the conference in Tanzania all information should be available regarding training	30 June 2013		

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11.	. WG Budget 2012-2014			
•	The budget below is only for taccommodation costs.	raining and excludes transport and		
Period	b	Amount in Rands		
2012		30 000		
2013		50 000		
2014		70 000		
12.	IERE international worksho	p Discussion		<u>I</u>
Paper about lessons learned on the SWER project in Zimbabwe to be presented at the next Convention in Tanzania		All members to assist Francis Francis to liaise with the secretariat about the paper.	31 August 2013 13 May 2013	
•	 PIESA to liaise with SWER manufactures to attend PIESA conferences 		Jacqueline to liaise with the deputy for details of the manufactures and send to PIESA for inviting them	30 June 2013
13.	Working group interaction I	petween meetings		•
•	Members are encouraged to comment on minutes sent and send any information that may benefit the utilities		All members	
•	 Members indicated that a full day is required for EWG meeting before presenting to the board. 		All members	30 June 2013
•		to find out about the possibility of pective utilities so that matters can be	David Bavin	

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14. Report to the Board	14. Report to the Board				
Nothing reported					
15. Additional Items	15. Additional Items				
A need for earthing training was identified	All members				
16. Date of next meeting					
End of June 2013 in Harare, Zimbabwe	All members	End of June 2013			
17. Closure	1	1			
Meeting closed at 15h00					