

## MINUTES OF WORKING GROUP MEETING

**VENUE: MOUNT MERU, TANZANIA** 

DATE: 23 SEPTEMBER 2013

## Attendees:

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	DISCUSSION ITEMS	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
1.	Opening/Welcome		
•	Gyavira Bwalya the convener opened the meeting and welcomed all members.		
2.	Apologies		
•	Thabiso Phathe- No apology Dr Hendri Geldenhuys- No apology Mmatholo Mabotja-No apology Benson B Oungo Patricia Ocan Francis Nyikayaramba Naomi Kariuki		
3.	Approval of the previous minutes of the EWG meeting held on 18 O	ctober 2012 and Agenda	
•	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  Mr Mbewe email address corrected		

DISCUSSI	ON ITEMS	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
4. Confirmation of Working Gr	oup Office Bearers and changes		
<ul> <li>Convener : Gyavira Bwalya</li> <li>Deputy Convener : Dr Hendri G</li> <li>Secretary : Jacqueline Chauke</li> <li>Change in Membership,One ne</li> <li>- Mr Timothy N Mathenge</li> </ul>	•		
5. Confirmation of Active Worki	ng Group Members		
<ul> <li>The attendance at this sitting has been very low, only 5 members were present and this is less than 50%.</li> <li>To request the secretariat to formally communicate with ZESA and</li> </ul>		Jacqueline Chauke to take it up with Secretariat	Before next meeting
SNEL regarding membership in			
Utility	Last Attendance		
SNEL - DRC	2010		
ZESA - ZIMBABWE	2010		
6. PIESA Pilot Projects			
	s finally completed and commissioned in December 2012. A detailed report is	Francis Nyikayaramba	

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<ul> <li>New Pilot Project Kenya is tapping on a large-scale geothermal power through the Geothermal Development Corporation (GDC) and it would be important to look at ways to co-opt GDC into the membership of PIESA to get learning's from the on-going projects. This can be done through existing networks with KPLC. Studies have shown that it is cheaper electrification in the long term, however the capital costs is high.</li> <li>In parallel with the Universities the committee took a decision to create a template to be used to collect information at different Utilities for input. This is to be presented by each Utility at the next meeting</li> <li>Members indicated that a full day is required for EWG meeting before presenting to the board</li> </ul>	Timothy Mathenge	
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		
8. Specific Objectives of Working Group		
To bring in University students on board to collect information of systems used within PIESA countries	Jacqueline Chauke to liaise with the deputy and PIESA office for feedback	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	

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10. WG Training (	Courses		
<ul> <li>Geographically</li> <li>Scope of Training</li> <li>Overview</li> <li>What it can do</li> <li>Technical elements</li> <li>Databases</li> <li>Computing platform</li> <li>Communications re</li> <li>Staff training&gt; qual</li> </ul>	Information System Training  Insert equirements (interface) In	Has not taken place, discussed in great length. The objectives remain the same, the Convener will follow up through the secretrairt and unsure that training takes place by May 2014. Only one training to be done first and that will be GIS training	May 2014
	low is only for training and excludes transport and		
accommodation Period	on costs.  Amount in Rands		
2012	30 000		
2013	50 000		
	80 000		

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Paper about lessons learned on the SWER project in Zimbabwe to be presented at the next Convention	All members to assist Francis Francis to liaise with the secretariat about the paper.	
PIESA to liaise with SWER manufactures to attend PIESA conferences and any other manufacture that can bring in a new technology that can assist with Electrification projects	Jacqueline to liaise with the deputy for details of the manufactures and send to PIESA for inviting them	May 2014
13. Working group interaction between meetings		<del>-</del>
Members are encouraged to comment on minutes sent and send any information that may benefit the utilities	All members	
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<ul> <li>Members also requested to find out about the possibility of teleconferencing in their respective utilities so that matters can be discussed prior to the meeting</li> </ul>	David Bavin	
14. Report to the Board		
Nothing reported		
15. Additional Items		
A need for earthing training was identified	All members	
16. Date of next meeting		I

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May 2014	All members	May 2014
17. Closure		
Meeting closed at 15h00		