



**ELECTROTECHNICAL STANDARDIZATION WORKSHOP  
5-6 SEPTEMBER 2011, NAIROBI, KENYA  
FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR REGISTRATION**

In support of the harmonization of electrotechnical standards in order to facilitate the interconnection of the African power grid, the African Electrotechnical Standardization Commission (AFSEC) has planned from 5 to 6 September 2011 at Hotel RedCourt, Nairobi in Kenya, a capacity building workshop for Electrotechnical Standardization in collaboration with the IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission), AFREC (African Energy Commission) and AUC (African Union Commission).

### **Context**

The development of the African continent cannot be contemplated without strong action by the electricity sector. Within the framework of the project "African Hydropower Policy (Hydropower Initiative 2020), Institutional Support and Capacity Building and Strategy for the development of the Inga hydroelectric site" the Department of Infrastructure and Energy of the African Union Commission and AFREC have recognised the importance of harmonization of electrotechnical standards to realise the interconnection of the African power grid.

Therefore, with the financial support of the European Commission, a technical workshop in Nairobi has been organized. It provides a framework for exchange and reflection on the African continent for experts to make recommendations or proposals for concrete and pragmatic actions for harmonization of standards.

### **Objective**

During the workshop, the opportunity will be given to:

- Allow technical experts from the African continent to master the principles, techniques and standardization process,
- Exchanging and sharing experiences in electrotechnical engineering,
- Define the methodology and tools to facilitate the harmonization of standards,
- Have the prerequisites to attend the AFSEC technical committee meetings (TC8, TC13, TC 57, TC 64 and TC 77) from 7 to 8 September.

### **Delegates**

This workshop is for the leaders and members of regional and national electrotechnical committees of the African continent, AFSEC members or not, participating in the Programme of Affiliate Countries of the IEC, experts from electricity companies, regulators, representatives of manufacturers.

### **Covered by the organisers**

The workshop costs, local transport to the RedCourt Hotel, in Nairobi, and accommodation at the workshop venue will be covered by the supporting organizations.

**Meetings of the AFSEC Technical Committees (TC 8, TC 13, TC 57, TC 64, TC 77)**



AFSEC has organized the first meetings of technical committees on 7 to 8 September, at the Hotel RedCourt in Nairobi, Kenya, after the Capacity Building Workshop.

### Objective

- Appoint the Chairman and Secretary of each technical committee,
- Establish a project to harmonize standards at each technical committee level,
- Develop an action plan for each technical committee.

### Delegates

- The delegates who participated in the Capacity Building Workshop of 5 to 6 September.
- The leaders and the members of the national and regional electrotechnical committees of the African continent, AFSEC member or not, participants to the Programme of the Affiliate Countries of the IEC, the experts from electricity companies, regulators, representatives of manufacturers wishing to contribute to the harmonization work.

**The AFSEC Management Committee will meet in closed session on 9 September.**

Venue for the workshop and all meetings:

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**The workshop and all meetings will be provided with simultaneous English <> French translation.**

A draft programme and a registration form for the workshop, technical committee meetings and management committee meeting are attached. Please complete the form and return it at your earliest convenience and not later than 29 July 2011 to:

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