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WAPP GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Final Report

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AfDB	African Development Bank
AfD	Agence Française de Développement
CEB	Communauté Electrique du Bénin
CEET	Compagnie Energie Electrique du Togo
CI-Energies	Société des Energies de Côte-d'Ivoire
CIE	Compagnie Ivoirienne d'Electricité
CLSG	Côte d'Ivoire-Liberia-Sierra Leone-Guinea Interconnection Project
EAGB	Empressa Publica de Electricidad e Agua de Guine Bissau
EIB	European Investment Bank
ECG	Electricity Company of Ghana
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EdG	Electricité de Guinée
EDM-SA	Energie du Mali
EOC	Engineering and Operating Committee
ERERA	Ecowas Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority
ESIA	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Study
EU	European Union
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale
GRIDCo	Ghana Grid Company
IDA	International Development Association
IsDB	Islamic Development Bank
IU	Implementation Unit
JDA	Joint Development Agreement
JIC	Joint Implementation Committee
KEPCO	Korean Electricity Power Corporation
KfW	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau
LEC	Liberia Electricity Corporation
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
NAWEC	National Water and Electricity Company Ltd of Gambia
NEPAD-IPPF	New Partnership for Africa's Development/Infrastructure Project Preparatory Facility
NPA	National Power Authority of Sierra Leone
OMVG	Organisation for the Development of the River Gambia
OMVS	Organisation for the Development of the Senegal River
PHCN	Power Holding Company of Nigeria Plc
PIU	Project Implementation Unit
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement
PPIAF	Public Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility
PPDU	Project Preparatory and Development Unit
SBEE	Société Béninoise d'Energie Electrique
Senelec	Société Nationale d'Electricité du Sénégal
SOGEM	Société de Gestion d'Energie de Manantali
SONABEL	Société Nationale d'Electricité du Burkina
SPC	Special Purpose Company
TCN	Transmission Company of Nigeria
TFPs	Technical and Financial Partners
TOR	Terms of Reference
UEMOA/WAEMU	West African Economic and Monetary Union
UNEP	United Nations Environmental Programme
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VRA	Volta River Authority
WAPP	West African Power Pool
WAPP/ICC	WAPP Information and Coordination Centre
WB	World Bank

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The West African Power Pool (WAPP) General Secretariat, in collaboration with the Government of Senegal and Société Nationale d'Electricité du Sénégal (SENELEC), organised the tenth session of the WAPP General Assembly, held at the Terrou-bi Hotel in Dakar, on 25th November, 2015.
2. The purpose of the meeting was, among others, to consider and adopt the report of the 9th session of the General Assembly, the activity report of the Secretary General and the recommendations of the 28th, 29th, and 30th ordinary sessions of the Executive Board.
3. The opening ceremony was presided over by the Cabinet Director of the Senegalese Ministry of Energy and Renewable Energies Development, Mr. Mor MBAYE.

II. PARTICIPANTS

4. The Managing Directors and/or the authorised representatives of the following WAPP Member Utilities took part in this session:
 - Société Béninoise d'Energie Electrique (SBEE), Benin
 - Communauté Électrique du Bénin (CEB), Benin
 - Société Nationale d'Electricité du Burkina (SONABEL), Burkina Faso
 - Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), Nigeria
 - Mainstream Energy Solutions Ltd, Nigeria
 - Electricité de Guinée (EDG), Guinea
 - Société des Energies de Côte-d'Ivoire (CI-ENERGIES), Côte-d'Ivoire
 - Compagnie Ivoirienne d'Electricité (CIE), Côte-d'Ivoire
 - Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority (EDSA), Sierra Leone
 - Société Nigérienne d'Electricité (NIGELEC), Niger
 - National Water and Electricity Company Limited (NAWEC), The Gambia
 - Volta River Authority (VRA), Ghana
 - Ghana Grid Company (GRIDCo), Ghana
 - Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG), Ghana
 - CENIT Energy Limited, Ghana
 - Energie du Mali-SA (EDM-SA), Mali
 - Société de Gestion de l'Energie de Manantali (SOGEM),
 - Société Nationale d'Electricité du Sénégal (Senelec), Senegal
 - Contour Global Togo SA, Togo.
5. The Technical and Financial Partners (TFPs) below were duly represented :
 - European Union (EU)

- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
 - Deutsche Gesellschaft Für Internationale (GIZ)
 - African Development Bank (AfDB).
6. The following organisations and power utilities were also represented :
- Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
 - Organisation for the Development of the River Gambia (OMVG)
 - Organisation for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS)
 - Association of Power Utilities of Africa (APUA/ASEA)
 - Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in Africa (GIABA)
 - ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA)
 - Côte-d'Ivoire-Liberia-Sierra Leone-Guinea Regional Transmission Company (TRANSCO CLSG)
 - New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).
7. The list of participants is attached as Annex A to this report.
8. The General Assembly, after ascertaining that the meeting had a valid quorum, declared that the number of participants was consistent with the provisions of WAPP Articles of Agreement and that, consequently, the General Assembly could legitimately meet and deliberate.

III. OPENING CEREMONY

9. The opening ceremony was marked by the speeches and remarks delivered by:
- i. Mr. Mouhamadou Makhtar Cissé, Managing Director of Société Nationale d'Electricité du Sénégal (Senelec) ;
 - ii. Engr. Siengui Apollinaire Ki, WAPP Secretary General;
 - iii. Mrs. Agathe Sector (USAID), Representative of WAPP Technical and Financial Partners;
 - iv. Engr. Olusola Akinniranye, WAPP Executive Board Chairman;
 - v. Mr. Brian Sapaty, Representative of the ECOWAS Commission;
 - vi. Mr. Mor Mbaye, Cabinet Director of the Senegalese Ministry of Energy and Renewable Energies Development.
10. In his opening speech, the Cabinet Director of the Senegalese Ministry of Energy and Renewable Energies Development welcomed all the participants who were able to make the journey to Dakar to attend this 10th session of the General Assembly to contribute towards the implementation of regional electricity market. He recalled that WAPP had become a potent integration instrument for the West African sub-region. He then informed of the recent discovery of petrol and gas off the shores of Senegal and whose future exploitation shall, in the medium to long run, place Senegal in a comfortable position to provide power supply to the sub-region.

11. The Cabinet Director further recalled that the “Plan Sénégal Emergent” (Senegal’s Emergence Plan) launched in 2014, had set the energy sector as the priority axis that would lay the foundations of the country’s emergence. He moreover indicated that the country’s Integrated Power Recovery Plan was structured into three key strategic axes, namely: Diversification of power generation sources; Better mastery of power demand; and Upgrading/Development of power transmission and distribution networks via the promotion of major interconnected networks and strengthening of sub-regional cooperation (OMVS, OMVG, North Africa and WAPP). Within this framework, the Cabinet Director cited the numerous integration interconnection projects in which Senegal was involved, notably the 225 kV OMVG Kaolack-Tamba-Sambagalou and Mbirkilane-Soma-Tanaf interconnection lines; the 225 kV OMVS Tambacounda-Kayes interconnection line and Tambacounda substation which Senegal considers the main intertie between the 225 kV OMVS power network and that of the OMVG.
12. The Cabinet Director equally commended and thanked the WAPP Technical and Financial Partners, whilst enjoining them to continue to support the WAPP Organisation and its member utilities in the implementation of sub-regional integration driven projects. Finally, sequel to the election of a new Board Chairman, he paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman, Engr. Olusola. O. Akinniranye for the laudable work accomplished during his tenure at the helm of affairs of the WAPP Organisation, which has today become an Institution of reference in the electricity sector.

IV. OUTCOME OF THE SESSION

13. The tenth Session of the WAPP General Assembly was presided over by its Chairman, Engr. Olusola Akinniranye.
14. The meeting agenda was adopted as follows:
 - a. Consideration and adoption of the Report of the 9th Session of the WAPP General Assembly;
 - b. Consideration and adoption of the Activity Report of the WAPP Secretary General for the period covering May 2015 to October 2015 ;
 - c. Consideration and adoption of WAPP Financial Statements for 2014;
 - d. Consideration and adoption of the Recommendations of the 28th, 29th and 30th WAPP Executive Board Meetings;
 - e. Consideration and adoption of the General Assembly Decisions;
 - f. Any Other Business;
 - g. Signing of the General Assembly Decisions.

Item A: Consideration and adoption of the Report of the 9th Session of the WAPP General Assembly

15. After due consideration and amendments, the Report of the 9th Session of the WAPP General Assembly, held in Niamey on 22nd May 2015, was unanimously adopted.

Item B: Consideration and adoption of the Activity Report of the WAPP Secretary General

16. The Secretary General presented his Activity Report covering the period of May 2015 to October 2015. During his presentation, the Secretary General thanked the General Assembly for its constant support to the General Secretariat. He then gave an update of the activities carried out and the results achieved in terms of mobilisation of resources for the implementation of priority projects, preparation of pre-investment studies, preparation of projects, coordination and monitoring of projects, establishment of the regional electricity market, organisation of statutory meetings, cooperation with member utilities, regional and international Organisations, as well as the administrative and financial management of the WAPP Secretariat.
17. The General Assembly noted with satisfaction the progress achieved and the significant strides made in all activity fields, and notably in the mobilisation of financial resources required for the implementation of projects and programmes. The General Assembly indeed noted that about 319 million EUR and 200 million USD had been essentially mobilised from the European Investment Bank (EIB), the KfW, the African Development Bank (AfDB), the World Bank and WAPP member utilities.
18. The General Assembly also took note of the smooth implementation of the emergency programmes funded by ECOWAS within the framework of the Emergency Power Supply Programmes earmarked for Mali, Sierra Leone and The Gambia under the coordination of the WAPP Secretariat in its capacity as Implementation Agency.
19. The General Assembly further noted that following the signature of the Joint Development Agreement (JDA), Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) of Nigeria (Lagos) had kicked-off activities for the construction of the Maria Gléta (Benin) and Domunli (Ghana) Thermal Generation Facilities.
20. The General Assembly moreover noted that a kick-off meeting for implementation of the Feasibility Study funded by AFC was held on 31 August 2015 in Cotonou between CEB, VRA and the Chairmen of the Joint Implementation Committees for both projects, during which the methodology for the preparation of the study and the implementation schedule proposed by the Consultant responsible for the study, Tractebel Engineering, were adopted.

21. The General Assembly took note of the progress achieved in regards to the establishment of the legal and institutional framework of the Côte d'Ivoire-Liberia-Sierra Leone-Guinea (CLSG) Interconnection Line and, among others, the regular hosting of TRANSCO CLSG governing bodies, the constitution of Organisational Committees and the recruitment of an Owners' Engineer responsible for the review of documents, preparation of bidding documents and oversight of the construction of the line.
22. The General Assembly also noted that within the framework of the implementation of the Regional Electricity Market, the WAPP Interconnected Power Systems Synchronisation Project and the ICC Project had been initiated; while the basic documents for the effective implementation of said Market, i.e. the Market Rules, the Transmission Tariff Methodology and the Operation Manual, had been duly approved by ERERA.
23. The General Assembly noted that the WAPP Secretariat ensured the effective organisation of statutory meetings of all WAPP governing bodies. It is within this framework that four Executive Board Meetings, including one extraordinary session, were held and which paved way for the adoption of the Architectural Design and Equipment of the ICC Building, the WAPP 2016 Work Programme and Budget as well as the WAPP 2014 Financial Statements. The Organisational Committees also met to review documents submitted for their consideration.
24. The General Assembly also took note of the activities undertaken by the WAPP Secretariat in the framework of its cooperation with other Institutions that share the same areas of interest.
25. The General Assembly welcomed the results contained in the report of the external Auditor, Deloitte Afrique Audit & Consulting, which indicated that the WAPP 2014 Financial Statements reflected a true and fair view of the financial position of the institution and that its financial performance and its cash flow during the audit period were consistent with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).
26. In the same vein, the General Assembly noted with satisfaction that the financial statements of the following projects: the WAPP Power Systems Integration/Synchronization and Technical Assistance Project; the WAPP CLSG Network Development Project (APL 4); the 225 kV Guinea-Mali Interconnection Pre-investment Studies; and the Medium Voltage Cross Border Electrification Projects earmarked for Rural Communities in Northern Togo from Benin/Southern Togo from Ghana/ Liberia from Côte d'Ivoire, had been prepared and audited by International Audit Firms.
27. The General Assembly further noted that the said projects audit results certify compliance of financial transactions with the requirements of funding agencies.

28. The General Assembly noted with satisfaction that the WAPP Secretariat had strengthened its workforce with the recruitment of six new employees. In addition to which was the handover of office, at the occasion of the 28th WAPP Executive Board Meeting held on 6 July 2015, between the outgoing Secretary General and the incoming Secretary General following the outcome of the selection process conducted by the Human Resources Consultancy Firm, KAPI Consult (Togo) in collaboration with the WAPP Human Resources and Governance Committee (HRGC).
29. The General Assembly finally noted that in the framework of strengthening its cooperation with member utilities as well as regional and international institutions, the Secretary General had, upon assumption of duty, paid visits to the Managing Directors of power utilities in Nigeria, Togo, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Senegal, The Gambia and Sierra Leone to share his vision for the WAPP Organisation and strengthen collaboration with these utilities; whilst taking the opportunity to pay courtesy visits to the Ministers in charge of Energy and other actors in the electricity sector in these countries.
30. The General Assembly commended the Secretary General for the quality of results obtained and encouraged him to keep up the efforts so as to maintain the progress achieved so far. Finally, the General Assembly unanimously adopted the Activity Report of the Secretary General.

Item C: Consideration and adoption of WAPP 2014 Financial Statements

31. The Representative of the External Auditor, Deloitte Afrique Audit & Consulting, presented the report relating to the 2014 Financial Statements.
32. The General Assembly, after due consideration, unanimously adopted the 2014 Report of the External Auditor, Deloitte Afrique Audit & Consulting.

Item D: Consideration and adoption of the recommendations of the 28th, 29th and 30th WAPP Executive Board Meetings

33. The WAPP Secretary General presented for consideration and adoption by the General Assembly the following recommendations of the 28th, 29th and 30th WAPP Executive Board:
 - ⇒ **Recommendation N°1** to the WAPP General Assembly relating to the Application for Membership of Nigerian Bulk Electricity Trading (NBET) into the West African Power Pool (WAPP).
 - ⇒ **Recommendation N°2** to the WAPP General Assembly relating to the Application for Membership of Northern Electricity Distribution Company (NEDCo) into the West African Power Pool (WAPP)

- ⇒ **Recommendation N°3** to the WAPP General Assembly for the adoption of the Report of the External Auditor on the Financial Statements for the year 2014 .
 - ⇒ **Recommendation N°4** to the WAPP General Assembly for the adoption of the 2016-2019 WAPP Business Plan
 - ⇒ **Recommendation N°5** to the WAPP General Assembly relating to the designation of three rotating members of the WAPP Executive Board for the period from December 2015 to November 2017.
 - ⇒ **Recommendation N°6** to the WAPP General Assembly relating to the Application for Membership of Karpowership Ghana Company Limited (KGCL) into the West African Power Pool (WAPP).
 - ⇒ **Recommendation N°7** to the WAPP General Assembly relating to the Adoption of the Activity Report of the Secretary General.
 - ⇒ **Recommendation N°8** to the WAPP General Assembly relating to the Appointment of the Chairperson of the West African Power Pool Executive Board.
34. The recommendations were considered and unanimously adopted by the General Assembly.

Item E: Any Other Business

35. The General Assembly evoked the issue relating to the venue of its 11th Session scheduled to hold in 2016.
36. The General Assembly took note of SONABEL's willingness to host the 11th Session in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) in 2016. The General Assembly thanked and commended SONABEL for such commitment. The General Assembly decided that in future, a second host venue should be designated as a guarantee in the event the first organizer is unable to host the Assembly Session due to a case of force majeure.
37. The General Assembly further noted the signing of the WAPP Articles of Agreement by the Representatives of new member utilities (i.e. NEDCo and Karpowership), thus materializing their membership into WAPP.
38. Within the framework of the appointment of the new Chairperson of the WAPP Executive Board, two (2) speeches were delivered. The first speech was delivered by the outgoing Chairperson, Engr. Olusola O. Akinniranye who expressed his appreciations to the Board members for the frank collaboration that existed between them during his tenure and then to his predecessor, Engr. J.O. Makoju, for paving the way.

