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FORUM OF ENERGY MINISTERS OF AFRICA

**REPORT ON THE FEMA MINISTERIAL MEETING
3 AUGUST 2005**

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Entebbe, Uganda**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION TO THE REPORT

The FEMA Ministerial meeting was held on 3rd August 2005 in Entebbe Uganda. Countries represented at the meeting were Burundi, Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Kenya, Guinea, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Togo, Uganda and Zambia.

The purpose of the Ministerial Meeting was to:

- Agree on the Memorandum of Understanding.
- Agree on key activities for the FEMA Workplan for the next two years.
- Agree on the Rules of Procedure for FEMA
- Receive an input into the FEMA Statement on Energy and MDGs to be represented at the UN Summit in September 2005.
- Agree on the process for developing FEMA's position paper at the Commission for Sustainable Development 2006 and 2007.



Delegates at the Ministerial meeting

The main Agenda for the meeting included:

- The opening Session
- Presentation and discussion on the FEMA MoU.
- Presentation of the Work Programme for FEMA for 2005- 2008.
- Discussion of the Draft FEMA position paper for UN's MDG + 5 Summit.
- Discussion on issues and process for developing an Issues Paper for Sustainable Development – CSD 2006 and CSD 2007
- Declaration of Intent

2.0. THE OPENING SESSION

2.1 Opening Remarks by the Minister of State for Energy

In the opening remarks the Minister of State for Energy in Uganda, Hon. Michael Kafabusa Werikhe welcomed the participating delegations highlighted the following:

- The ministerial meeting had come at a time when energy issues are high on the agenda of international business, civil society, multilateral Development Banks as well as the United Nations system.
- For instance in September this year the UN Summit will deliberate on the progress of the Millennium Development Agenda where the African Continent needs to present its position regarding the need to scale up energy access to meet the Millennium Development Goals.
- The International Community will also discuss energy issues in the up coming two year cycle of the Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD) in 2006 and 2007 where Africa's position has to be presented.
- The expected outcomes of the meeting

2.2. Overview of FEMA by the Chairperson

In the overview on FEMA Hon. Minister, Syda Bbumba highlighted the following:

- The forum was formed as a result of realising the importance of energy as the engine of development in Africa, and energy's crucial role in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.
- Over the years, there has been a decline in both public and private investments in the energy sector partly due to changes in policy by some of our development partners. The level of investment in the sector in 2004 was 20% of that in 1997. This has hindered progress and needs redressing.
- The above status of affairs brought a lot of concern to both the energy ministers and development partners the parties, whenever they met at a number of international meetings including the Bonn Meeting on Renewable Energy held in 2004.
- It was therefore resolved that a Forum for Energy Ministers be formed to lobby for the energy sector at the political front.
- The main objectives of the forum namely:
 - a) Raising the profile of the energy sector in national and regional planning to reflect its central role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals.
 - b) Developing a coherent energy strategy for Africa, including re-strategizing in order to increase modern energy supply and access.
 - c) Promoting a common approach expressed through specific, national and regional projects of benefit to African countries.
 - d) Speaking with a common voice and collectively advocating for the financing of regional projects.
 - e) Promoting interconnectivity, and developing common technical standards and codes of conduct.

- Similar ministerial councils exist in the Water and Environment sectors and have been very helpful in harmonising the African position as well as attracting investment.
- The development partners have been very supportive and have honoured our invitation to participate in this meeting.
- Word of appreciation to UNDP, GTZ, Danida, the EU, ESMAP and the World Bank for the support so far given to FEMA.



FEMA Chairperson Hon Syda Bbumba addressing the Meeting

2.3 Speech by Chief Guest

The Right Hon. Prime Minister Professor Apollo Nsubambi represented the President of the Republic of Uganda at the inaugural function. In his speech, he pointed out the following:

- The Oil Prices on the World Market were escalating yet most African Countries import petroleum products.
- The need for Ministers responsible for Energy to give a focused direction on overcoming the key challenges in Africa's Energy sector.
- Despite a number of African countries having some of the natural resources, this has not improved the well being of the people.
- Government monopolies in power generation, transmission and distribution have exhibited operational and financial problems
- Africa has been quite slow at adopting cleaner technologies and fuels
- Africa has a Challenge to mobilize the required financial resources to put in place energy services to facilitate attainment of Millennium Development Goals.

- Regional cooperation and advocacy is very important in order to enhance Africa's oneness of voice in articulating its problems.
- The need to create a transparent legal and regulatory framework with well defined rules keeping monopolies at a bare minimum.
- Africa must invest in its human resources. Training must be focused on real science issues plus other tangible benefits. Aid given to Africa should be tied to sound training and technology transfer and not Technical Assistance in form of consultancy services or seminars.
- Africa must invest in obtaining information on the energy resources potential to enable forward planning and negotiate from a position of strength.
- Harmonization of safety and Environmental Standards should be done with particular emphasis on the movement of radioactive or atomic substances across the continent.
- There is need to develop joint investment among countries and to encourage the private sector into joint ventures with Governments.



The Right Honorable Prime Minister (Uganda) Prof Apollo Nsubambi (Center) addressing the meeting.

3.0. PRESENTATIONS AT THE MEETINGS

3.1. FEMA Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

The Legal Advisor Professor John Ntambirweki presented the MoU, which was prepared by the Technical Officers. The Energy Ministers discussed the MoU, which was later adapted.

The key aspects in the Memorandum of Understanding include:

- The vision of the Forum.
- The mission of the Forum.
- The objectives of FEMA.
- The main organs of FEMA.
- The functions of the Forum.
- The composition and function of the Steering Committee.
- The role of the Coordination Unit.
- The Funding issues of the Forum.
- Reporting arrangements.

3.2. FEMA's Statement on Energy for the MDG + 5 UN Summit

A presentation on Energy and the MDGs was made by Professor Ogunlade Davidson, who has been hired by the Coordination Unit to help prepare FEMA's Position Paper.

A draft statement of FEMA on Energy for the MDG+5 to be represented at the Summit of the United Nations in September 2005 was presented and discussed. The statement to be presented, underlines the following:

- Key issues regarding energy on the African Continent.
- The role of energy to bring about economic, social and environmental dimension of human development.
- The commitment of the Energy Ministers to increase the access of their people to reliable, cost-effective and sustainable energy services by achieving a number of goals until 2015.
- Necessary steps the Energy Ministers will take to promote energy development and increase access to modern energy services.



Delegates interact with Chief Guest Hon Apollo Nsibambi and the Chairperson Hon Syda Bbumba during a break.

The Ministers adopted a motion to have Hon. Mini. Bbumba represent FEMA at the UN meeting.

3.4 Presentation of UN-Energy Paper by John Besant-Jones, Consultant Lead Economist, World Bank. The Paper highlights some of the key policy challenges and options to ensure investments and increased availability of energy for achieving the MDGs.

3.5. Issues and Process for a Draft FEMA – Paper to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development 2006 – CSD 14 by Wilson S.K. Wasike and John Christensen – UNEP Riso Centre.

The presentation covered the following:

- The CSD and CSD Sessions
- Energy issues at the 9th Session of CSD
- WSSD and Africa Energy Sector
- Africa's Energy Strategy – Dialogue and Advocacy
- The 14th Session of CSD, which included means of implementation and the continuing, challenges.
- The process undertaken by FEMA to prepare a statement to the CSD 15.

Step 1:

- Make a presentation at FEMA inaugural meeting highlighting the key issues as described in the 2001 paper (CSD9 etc)

- Review TOR for a detailed background analysis of energy issues for CSD 14 (2006) and CSD (2007).

Step 2:

- Post FEMA Inaugural meeting process-prepare a draft position paper to be presented at the African regional consultations hosted by UN-ECA-October 2005.

Step 3:

- Regional meeting – paper could become core input to the regional position.
- The paper will be elaborated further with input from the ECA meeting and a FEMA technical experts workshop.

Step 4:

- Paper to be presented as the FEMA position paper at the CSD in 2006 as side event plus Ministerial Statement.

Step 5:

- The FEMA technical Committee meets after CSD to discuss how this can be part of the work programme and secure implementation of key recommendations.

3.6. FEMA Work Program and Budget for 2005 - 2006

Key activities to be undertaken in the next 2 years that were discussed and agreed are:

	DELIVERABLES	Date	US\$ '000
	UN-2005 WORLD SUMMIT FEMA POSITION PAPER On Energy and the MDGs FEMA Statement Drafted FEMA Statement finalized FEMA Background Study: Drafted FEMA Study: Finalized and Printed Follow-up on MDGs	Sep 14-16, 2005 August 3 2005 August 30 2005 August 15 2005 Sept 1 2005	30
	CSD 14 MEETING CSD Preparatory Process FEMA Side Events on Access, Hydropower FEMA Statement for Ministers Forum FEMA Study Draft FEMA Study Finalized and Printed Follow-up on CSD	May 1-14, 2006	300
	Access-Scaling-up Initiatives <i>Access Scaling-up Initiatives</i> from sub-regional Groupings (EAC, ECOWAS, etc.) and other Initiatives (GVEP, ESMAP Best Practices On Rural Electrification, Energizing Development (DGIS/BMZ/GTZ), EU Energy Facility etc.	November, 2005	150
	Regional Power Trade <i>Regional Power Trade</i> : Nile River Basin, West African Power Pool, South African Power Pool, Central African Power Pool	January, 2006	150
	Hydropower Conference for Africa FEMA Participation in preparation of the Conference FEMA Statement at CSD 14 on Hydropower Development:(Side Event)	March 4-6, 2006	100
	Impact of Hydrocarbon price levels and volatility TORs and Commission the Study Share results Review mechanisms to offset this impact Share results	October, 2005 March, 2006 April, 2006 May, 2006	100
	Financing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission study to review • Public expenditures on energy • Trends and opportunities • Private sector financing, financing instruments Financing procedures. Share results of the Study Draft statement to donors	September, 2005 March, 2006	150
	Coordinating Unit Administration for two years		200
	Contingencies		20
	Total		1,000

4.0. THE ENTEBBE DECLARATION BY MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENERGY

The Energy Ministers meeting was conclude with a declaration which was later signed by the ministers or their representatives. The statement reads as follows:

We, the Ministers and representatives of Energy from Burundi, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Kenya, Guinea, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, and Zambia,

met in Entebbe on the 3rd of August, 2005 and agreed to the formation of a Forum for Energy Ministers of Africa, FEMA.

The Forum will serve as an advocacy and collaboration platform for the effective development of energy resources and services, and the scaling up of energy investments in the African continent, in order to achieve economic growth and social development. We see energy as a driver to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

We acknowledge the differences among countries and regions on the continent. By speaking with one voice, we believe that FEMA will provide an effective vehicle for the exchange of experiences, for learning, for the replication of successes, and for engaging more effectively both with our national governments and populations, and with our development partners.

We see our role as that of supporting through advocacy, the energy programs of regional and sub-regional entities such as NEPAD, the regional economic groupings and AFREC.

We discussed the Memorandum of Understanding establishing FEMA, and approved a work programme and its immediate implementation. The work program focuses on effective representation of the African energy sector and advocacy opportunities in international and regional forums. It also provides for analytical studies and information exchange to inform our advocacy work and national and regional agendas.

We mandate the Honorable Minister of Energy of Uganda and Chairperson of this first FEMA meeting to present a statement on Energy and the Millennium Development Goals, on behalf of the Forum at the 2005 World Summit at the UN General Assembly. We further mandate the FEMA Chairperson to deliver other FEMA statements and position papers at other global forums identified in the FEMA work program.

We acknowledge the support from our development partners who have made this launch and the initial work of the Forum possible. In particular we acknowledge the support of EU, Danida, GTZ, UNDP, and the World Bank.

Done at Entebbe, Uganda this third day of August 2005, in French and English.

5.0 CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD

The key actions to be done include the following:

- Uganda to put in place the FEMA coordination unit
- The immediate task of the coordination unit with support of ESMAP and the Executive Director's office at the World Bank is to finalise the work programme.
- The coordination unit will liaise with the Development partners to finance the work programme.
- Member countries will discuss the MoU with Relevant Authorities seeking its approval for endorsement.
- Preparation of FEMA's Background Paper on energy and the MDG
- Preparation of FEMA's background paper for presentation to the CSD meetings

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