

ARTICLE 3 – GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In performance of its duties the EREA shall be guided by the following principles:

- a) Regional co-operation and harmonization of energy policies and laws in regulatory matters;
- b) Independence of Regulators and good governance;
- c) High ethical and professionalism in energy regulation;
- d) Adherence to government policies, laws and best regulatory practices;
- e) To establish appropriate linkages with EAC so as to champion energy issues;
- f) Advisory to EAC on energy regulatory matters based on researched data and information; and
- g) International co-operation and sharing of experiences.

ARTICLE 4 – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of EREA shall be as follows:

a) **Harmonization of regulatory policies and legislation**

Facilitate the harmonization of regulatory policies and legislation in East Africa to standardize regulatory practices and procedures, based on sound researched data and information and consistent with acknowledging the national sovereignty of Partner States;

b) **Information Sharing**

To promote research in the energy sector and facilitate information sharing and the application of common and consistent decision making practices and procedures among regulators;

c) **Capacity Building**

Facilitate regulatory capacity building among Members through skills training and development of regulatory expertise;

d) Project Planning

Promote regional co-operation in the planning and development of integrated energy market;

e) Implementation of new and existing Projects

Harmonize the co-ordination and implementation of new and existing projects in the energy sector;

f) Promotion of the Philosophy of Autonomous Energy Regulation and Good Governance

Promote the advantages of autonomous utility regulation in Partner States and the principles of good governance in the energy sectors;

g) Unified voice

Promote a unified voice and common approach on energy matters regionally and internationally;

h) Promotion of Relationships with Governments and other Stakeholders

Promotion of relationships between and among Members and their governments, consumer groupings, similar international associations and other stakeholders to advance the interests of Members in East Africa;

i) Consumer Empowerment and Education

To promote empowerment of consumers and education programs.

j) Joint Utilization of Donor Funding

Achieving maximum benefit from joint utilization of donor funding for regulatory capacity building purposes; and

k) **East Africa Power pool and Energy market**

Facilitate the establishment of a power pool and a competitive and efficient energy market in East Africa.