



CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

AT THE FIRST EXECUTIVE FORUM FOR THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY
INDUSTRY, 20TH JUNE 2017, SERENA KAMPALA HOTEL
UGANDA

Honorable Minister of Energy and Mineral Development,

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Mineral
Development,

Members of the Authority,

Managing Directors and Chief Executive Officers in the
Electricity Supply Industry,

Senior Government officers,

Invited Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Honorable Minister, allow me on behalf of the Board and Management of the Electricity Regulatory Authority to welcome you and to thank you for accepting our invitation to officiate at the opening of this Forum.

I also take this opportunity to thank your Ministry for the continued support to the sector in general and to the Electricity Regulatory Authority in particular.

In addition, let me thank the participants, the Managing Directors and Chief Executive Officers of the licensed companies in the Electricity Supply Industry of Uganda for accepting our invitation.

Honorable Minister, the officials gathered here are the strategic planners of their respective institutions. Therefore, they are indirectly, the strategic planners of the Electricity Supply Industry and on a daily basis work to implement your ministry's policies.

This workshop has therefore brought together the men and women who are charged with the development and

transformation of electricity supply services in Uganda in order to meet the social transformation of Ugandans.

Before you, Honorable Minister are the Managing Directors of Uganda Electricity Generation Company Limited (**UEGCL**), Uganda Electricity Transmission Company Limited (**UETCL**), Uganda Electricity Distribution Company Limited (**UEDCL**), Umeme Limited (**Umeme**), Eskom Uganda Limited (**Eskom**), Jacobsen Uganda Power Plant Company Ltd (**Jacobsen**), Electro-Maxx Uganda Limited (**Electro-Maxx**); Access Uganda Solar Limited (**Access Solar**); Kakira Sugar Works Ltd (**Kakira Sugar**); Sugar and Allied Industries Ltd (**Sugar and Allied**); Mayuge Sugar Industries Limited (**Mayuge Sugar**); Sugar Corporation of Uganda Limited – Lugazi (**SCOUL**), Africa EMS Mpanga Ltd (**EMS Mpanga**), Bugoye Hydro Limited (**Bugoye Hydro**), Kasese Cobalt Company Ltd (**KCCL**) Tibet Hima Mining Company (**Tibet Hima**) Eco Power Uganda Limited (**Eco-power**) Kinyara Sugar Limited (**Kinyara Sugar**), Hydromax (U) Limited (**Hydromax**); Kisiizi Hospital Power Company Limited (**Kisiizi**) Elgon Hydro Siti (pvt) Limited (**Siti**); Kilembe Investment Limited (**KIL**); Kyegegwa Rural Electricity Cooperative Society Ltd (**KRECS**); Pader- Abim Community Multipurpose

Society Ltd (**PACMECS**); Bundibugyo Energy Co-operative Society Ltd (**BECS**); Kalangala Infrastructure Services Ltd (**KIS**), West Nile Rural Electrification Company Limited (**WENRECO**); and Absolute Energy Africa Limited (**Absolute Energy**).

Also present are the former Chief Executives Officer of ERA , UETCL, and UEGCL , the Acting Executive Director of the Rural Electrification Agency and the Management of the Authority.

The primary objective of this workshop is to provide a platform for the strategic planners of the Electricity Supply Industry to synergize and re-align their plans to the national policies of Uganda. Our objective is to see that together we efficiently meet the energy needs of the country and contribute to the social economic transformation of society.

The men and women before you are the engine behind your vision of accelerating access, affordability, reliability and quality of power supply for productive use to contribute to the transformation of our society from a peasantry to a middle level income status.

You will agree with me that utilities world over are currently faced with several challenges in providing sustainable and innovative infrastructure services to society. The challenges among others include the increased demand by customers for quality, reliable and adequate service at an affordable price.

As leaders in the Electricity Supply Industry, we are therefore called upon to ensure the efficient operation of the Electricity Supply Industry . We do this in order to maximize the limited resource envelope in the industry and deliver acceptable services to our stakeholders.

Therefore Honorable Minister, it is my expectation that by the close of today's workshop, the key national priorities, the strategic direction and road map to achieve them will be clear to all of us.

Honorable Minister, it is now my singular pleasure and honor to invite you to open this workshop.

Thank You Very Much

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