



**STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP FOR ERA'S  
OPTIMIZATION OF DUE-DILIGENCE PROCESS – OPENNING  
REMARKS BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**Salutation**

Ladies and Gentlemen, all protocol observed;  
on behalf of the Authority and Management of the  
Electricity Regulatory Authority, I welcome you all to this  
consultative workshop for the optimization of the  
Authority's Due-diligence process.

**Background**

The Authority through support from the development  
partners led by KFW under the Global Energy Transfer  
Feed in Tariff (GETFiT) program, received financial  
assistance towards funding the optimization of its due  
diligence process for the permit, license, and operational  
stages for power generation projects.

The Objectives of the GETFiT program among others include addressing the short to medium term generation requirements with respect to electricity demand in Uganda.

The GET FiT program targets to add to the national grid at least 150MW of installed capacity from renewable energy sources not exceeding 20MW of installed capacity each; and 20MW from Solar PV.

To accomplish the above objective and in line with the Authority's capacity building plan, a technical assistance (TA) component was included in the GET FiT program to build the internal capacity, and revise the tools used by the Authority in the permitting, licensing and operational monitoring of electricity generators. The objectives of the TA facility included:

- a) To optimize and standardize ERA's due diligence process and procedures used to assess permit and license applications for the development of Renewable Energy projects (small hydro, biomass, and bagasse);
- b) To enhance the existing framework for monitoring the progress of projects under development, in respect of environmental performance and compliance with the conditions of the licenses.

c) To enhance the technical, environmental, financial, and economic expertise applied in assessment of project documents.

To accomplish the above objectives, the Authority procured the services of M/S Grontmij A/S, to undertake the Due Diligence exercise which has resulted into the following:-

- a) Drafts of revised application forms that developers use to apply for permits and licenses;
- b) Draft standardized feasibility study templates for bagasse, small hydro and biomass;
- c) Draft monitoring report templates used to report quarterly feasibility study progress to ERA for bagasse, small hydro and biomass;
- d) Draft monitoring templates used to report quarterly construction progress to ERA for bagasse, small hydro and biomass;
- e) Draft monitoring templates used to report quarterly operational progress to ERA for bagasse, small hydro and biomass;

f) ERA's own internal checklists used during the project lifecycle to enhance consistence and efficiency in the internal review process.

This workshop is therefore intended to consult you the stakeholders on the above proposed draft reporting tools and the draft revised permit and license application forms to enable us consider your comments, views and concerns before finalization and adoption of these tools.

I thank you for turning up for the workshop and wish you fruitful deliberations.



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