



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ERA

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ERA ANNOUNCES ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES

The Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) announced the procurement and distribution of Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) to electricity consumers as part of the Demand Side Management measures that will promote efficient consumption of energy.

The Demand Side Management measures are important for the management of peak demand to defer the need for additional generation capacity.

The announcement was made at a Press Briefing held on October 21, 2014 at ERA House, to share with the public the developments and future outlook of the

electricity industry.

For more information visit:

http://www.era.or.ug/files/ERA_Press_Statement_for_October_2014.pdf



ERA Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Benon M. Mutambi (R), flanked by the Director Technical Regulation and Principal Financial Analyst, addressing a press briefing at ERA House.



Mr. Joseph Bwambale, the Senior Compliance Engineer, ERA demonstrating the levels of efficiency of LED bulbs, CFLs and incandescent bulbs.

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ERA AT THE FUTURE OF CITIES FORUM 2014

The Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) on Thursday, October 2, 2014 took part in the Future of Cities Forum 2014. The Forum was hosted by Kampala Capital City Authority at the Speke Resort Munyonyo.

At the Forum, Eng. Ziria Tibalwa Waako, the Director Technical Regulation, ERA revealed the Authority's Demand Side Management (DSM) Plan that will address the challenge of increasing demand for energy in Uganda's urban areas.

The DSM Plan includes interventions such as promotion of efficient lighting technologies and



ERA's Director Technical Regulation, Eng. Ziria Tibalwa Waako (R) prepares to deliver her presentation at the Future of Cities Forum 2014.

applying Time of Use (ToU) tariffs among others.

The Future of Cities Forum (FCF) is an annual, international urban development conference organized by the World Future Council. It is hosted on a revolving basis in different cities of the world; the 2014 edition is the first of its kind in the East African region. The major themes at this year's Forum were *Powering our Cities; Planning our Cities; and Water and Sanitation.*

POLYMER FILM STICKERS TO INCREASE POWER GENERATION



Polymer film stickers are one of the unique ways of making solar panels more efficient in power generation. The Polymer film sticker is a large transparent sticker applied to the front of the panel which increases the power output by about 10% or so.

These stickers are imprinted with special kind of microstructures that are capable of bending, redirecting and absorbing more sunlight so that more power is generated.

Even the solar panels that are operational can have these polymer stickers easily applied to them and the stickers will boost their efficiency .

Source: Internet

BREAKFAST MEETING WITH UMA

On Wednesday, October 8, 2014, ERA hosted the Technical team of Uganda Manufacturers Association (UMA) to a breakfast meeting at Sheraton Hotel to discuss ways of how the Authority can further engage the manufacturers in her regulatory activities.

The UMA officials raised a number of issues during the breakfast meeting that included the need of the manufacturers being informed about ERA's plans on the implementation of activities and

actions that affect UMA before they are published.

The officials also expressed interest in ERA conducting more informal and formal engagements to strengthen the partnership with UMA, among others.

On its part, ERA pledged to address all the issues that had been raised at the meeting and to maintain a close interaction

with the manufacturers.

The manufacturers requested ERA to inform them about activities and actions she plans to implement before they are published

ERA AT THE 22nd UGANDA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) participated in the 22nd Uganda International Trade Fair (UGITF) that was organized by Uganda Manufacturers Association (UMA). The Trade Fair took place from October 2 - 10, 2014 at UMA show grounds, Lugogo, Kampala.

The Trade Fair was a great opportunity to increase ERA's visibility, publicize the ERA Consumer Affairs Hotline and

disseminate a number of ERA publications that included *How to Reduce your Electricity Bill*, *Understanding your Rights as an Electricity Consumer* and *ERA at A glance*, among others.

Over 700 people visited our stall; many of these appreciated the information given to them and the awareness created about yaka and the efficient ways of using electricity.

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Other participating organizations included Umeme, Barefoot Power Uganda, Solar Now and Rural Electrification Agency.

UGITF is a multi-sector annual trade fair, that has in the past 21 years offered great opportunities for 'one to one' interactions, technology transfers and networking platform within East and Central Africa.



Patrons that turned up for the Trade Fair at UMA show grounds, Lugogo.

ERA AT THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) participated in the celebrations to mark Uganda's 52nd Independence Anniversary that took place at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds on October 9, 2014.

The Board, Management and Staff of ERA congratulate H.E the President of the Republic of Uganda, Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and the people of Uganda on the 52nd Independence Anniversary.



The ERA team at the Uganda 52nd Independence Anniversary celebrations at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds.

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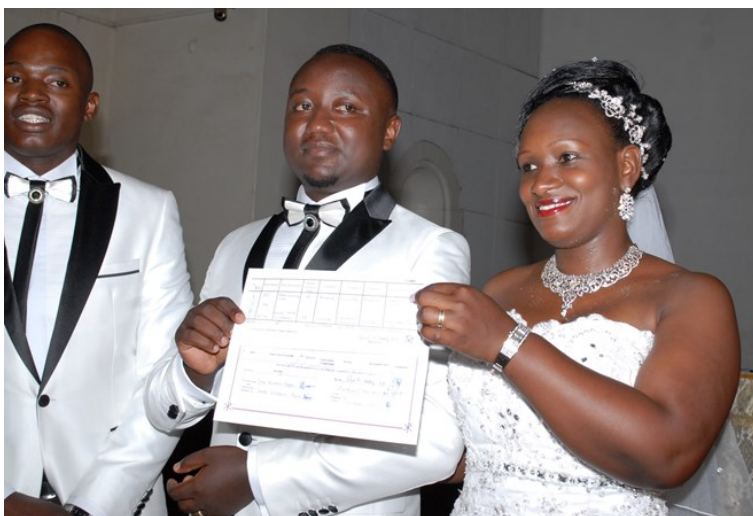
On October 4, 2014, Mr. Ivan Kisémbó, ERA's Projects Engineer (Development), was united with his missing rib, Ms. Irene Nuwe at St. Francis Chapel Makerere. Thereafter, the happy couple hosted their guests to a lavish dinner at Arirang Restaurant. The Authority, Management and Staff of ERA wish Mr. and Mrs. Kisémbó a blissful marriage.



Mr. Ivan Kisémbó signing the marriage register as Mrs. Kisémbó and Rev. Jaffu look on.



Mr. and Mrs. Kisémbó heading to the reception.



Mr. and Mrs. Kisémbó displaying their marriage certificate.

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