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AFSEC's First Technical Workshop from 10 – 11 August 2010

From 10th to 11th August 2010, AFSEC held its first Technical Workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa. During his opening remarks and welcome Claude Koutoua expressed his delight over having to preside over the opening ceremony of AFSEC's first technical workshop. He added that the presence of all the delegates reflected a definite advantage to being united in seeking solutions to common problems.

He further explained that the workshop was timely as it reviewed the following points:

- Progress with the harmonization of electrotechnical standards in African regional economic communities.
- The need for standardization to achieve integration of interconnected power pools in Africa
- The needs and priorities of electrotechnical standards to be established in Africa
- The proposal for the structure of the initial technical review committee to recommend to the Management Committee AFSEC;
- Nominations for membership on committees of technical studies;
- The proposed appointment of chairmen and secretaries of committees of technical studies



M. Claude Koutoua, AFSEC President

To continue reading his opening address, please click on the following link:

<http://afsec.squarespace.com/documents/documents/record-of-the-second-general-assembly-12-13-august-2010/>

As the bulletin carries the objective of keeping its readers up-to-date with the latest happenings and developments in the Industry we welcome and encourage you to send us your thoughts and comments. *Please note that the views do not necessarily represent that of AFSEC.*



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Second General Assembly 12-13 August 2010: Eskom Academy of Learning, Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa



Front row: left to right: Mrs E Oduor, 2nd Vice President; A Tella, SG, UPDEA; Mrs F Rauser, IEC; Dr H Elhag, Executive Director, AFREC; P Johnson, Executive Secretary, AFSEC; M Bantsijang, Representing the Minister of Energy, SA; C Koutoua, AFSEC President; C Okoro, 1st Vice President; T Sentko, CENELC; M Gueye, 3rd Vice President.

The Second General Assembly of AFSEC on the 12th and 13th August 2010 followed on from the technical workshop. The general assembly resolved to start the operational work of AFSEC through the formation of five technical committees, mirroring the work of IEC technical committees. These committees are:

TC 8: Systems aspects for electrical energy supply

TC 8: (http://www.iec.ch/dyn/www/f?p=102:17:0:::FSP_SEARCH_TC:8)

TC 13: Electrical energy measurement, tariff- and load control

TC 13: (http://www.iec.ch/dyn/www/f?p=102:17:0:::FSP_SEARCH_TC:13)

TC 57: Power systems management and associated information exchange

TC 57: (http://www.iec.ch/dyn/www/f?p=102:17:0:::FSP_SEARCH_TC:57)

TC 64: Electrical installations and protection against electric shock

TC 64: (http://www.iec.ch/dyn/www/f?p=102:17:0:::FSP_SEARCH_TC:64)

TC 77: Electromagnetic compatibility

TC 77: (http://www.iec.ch/dyn/www/f?p=102:17:0:::FSP_SEARCH_TC:77)

To access all the documentation regarding the General Assembly, including the Resolutions of the AFSEC GA 2010: Resolutions and the Approved Action Plan for AFSEC: 2010 – 2013, click on the following link:

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New Membership Application

During November 2010, the secretariat was advised that the National Committee of Rwanda had applied to join AFSEC. This will bring the national committee membership to twelve; with the current number of affiliate members being five. Enquiries about membership can be directed to secretariat@afsec-africa.org, or visit www.afsec-africa.org.



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General Assembly through the lens of a camera



To view photographs taken at the Second General Assembly please click on the following link:
<http://www.afsec-africa.org/photos/>

Message from IEC General Secretary to AFSEC

IEC has grown considerably since the inaugural AFSEC assembly in 2008 – from 146 countries back then to 162 countries today. And that growth in membership and affiliates has been due, in large part, to the African nations' commitment to the constitution of national electrotechnical committees that are truly representative of their key stakeholders including electricity generators, the distribution industries, the standards body and/or the regulatory authorities.

Not only has Africa's commitment to the IEC increased since that inaugural meeting in Ghana. The IEC's commitment to Africa and to AFSEC has increased. With the signing of the IECAFSEC Cooperation Agreement in 2009, the two organizations have made formal commitments to each other. On the specific issue of IT tools, I am happy to note AFSEC will be trialling the popular IEC Collaboration Tools platform with a view to using this among the AFSEC members.

Please click on the following link to read the detailed message from the IEC:

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Subsequent to the Second General Assembly, AFSEC has been involved in the following activities:

The Executive Secretary represented AFSEC at the 74th General Meeting of the IEC held in Seattle, USA. Importantly, he was invited to make a presentation on progress with AFSEC to a special forum for African representatives in the IEC's Affiliate Country Programme. Please click on the following link to view more information: http://afsec.squarespace.com/storage/report_IEC%20General%20Meeting_Seattle.pdf



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The AFSEC President visited the offices of CENELEC in Brussels, Belgium to make progress in finalising the AFSEC-CENELEC Cooperation agreement. Please click on the following link to view a report on this visit: <http://afsec.squarespace.com/storage/CENELEC-AFSEC%20-%2010%20Nov%202010%20Session.pdf>

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The Executive Secretary participated in the All African Energy Week hosted in Maputo, Mozambique from 1-5 November 2010, and also in the UPDEA General Assembly and coordinating meeting of Africa Power Pools, held in Windhoek, Namibia 23-24 November 2010.



The Executive Secretary, Paul Johnson at the UPDEA GA in Windhoek, congratulated the Namibian National committee on being the first national committee to join AFSEC after the founding meeting in February 2008.

Power pools caption, "Jasper Oduor (right) stresses the need for the harmonisation of standards by AFSEC at the power pools coordinating meeting"

"The French version of the AFSEC website is going live shortly"