

The African Electrotechnical Standardization Commission AFSEC

As a subsidiary of the
African Energy Commission
AFREC



AFREC?

- A legally constituted organ within the AU that reports to the Conference of African energy ministers [CAMEN]
- Mandated to coordinate the actions of African countries in the development of the energy sector



AFREC Convention

- Prepared in Lusaka 11 July 2001
- On going process of ratification by heads of state
- 18 ratifications lodged with the AU to date.
- Sufficient for legal constitution of AFREC
- Planned for October 2007 in Algiers (AFREC HQ)



Next steps for AFREC

- Staffing of the headquarters
- Financial contributions from member states for 2008 budget
- Budget includes provision for partial financing of subsidiaries, including AFSEC



Guiding principles in the convention of AFREC

Includes

- Harmonization of standards In the energy sector



Functions of AFREC

- Includes
- Recommend the use of harmonised standards ... in the energy sector



Subsidiary bodies

- The conference (CAMEN) may establish such subsidiary bodies [of AFREC]as it may deem necessary
- Decision of conference of ministers March 2006 to establish AFSEC as a subsidiary body of AFREC.



Initial motivation for harmonization of standards in the electricity supply sector

- Electricity utilities through UPDEA requiring to
 - improve technical cooperation
 - harmonise standards/ technical regulations
 - align internationally
 - Accelerate access to electricity
 - Efficient operation of regional power pools



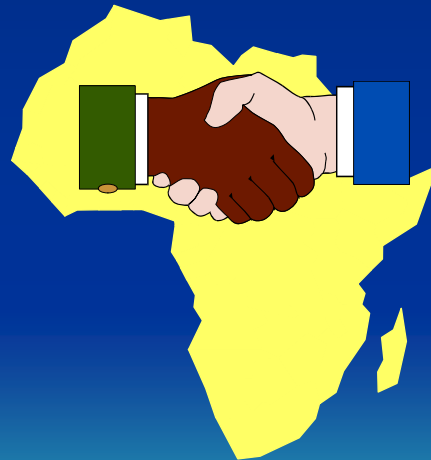
A statement of cooperation was signed

The cooperation between UPDEA and AFREC was recorded in a statement of cooperation at the Congress of UPDEA signed in June 2005, in Accra

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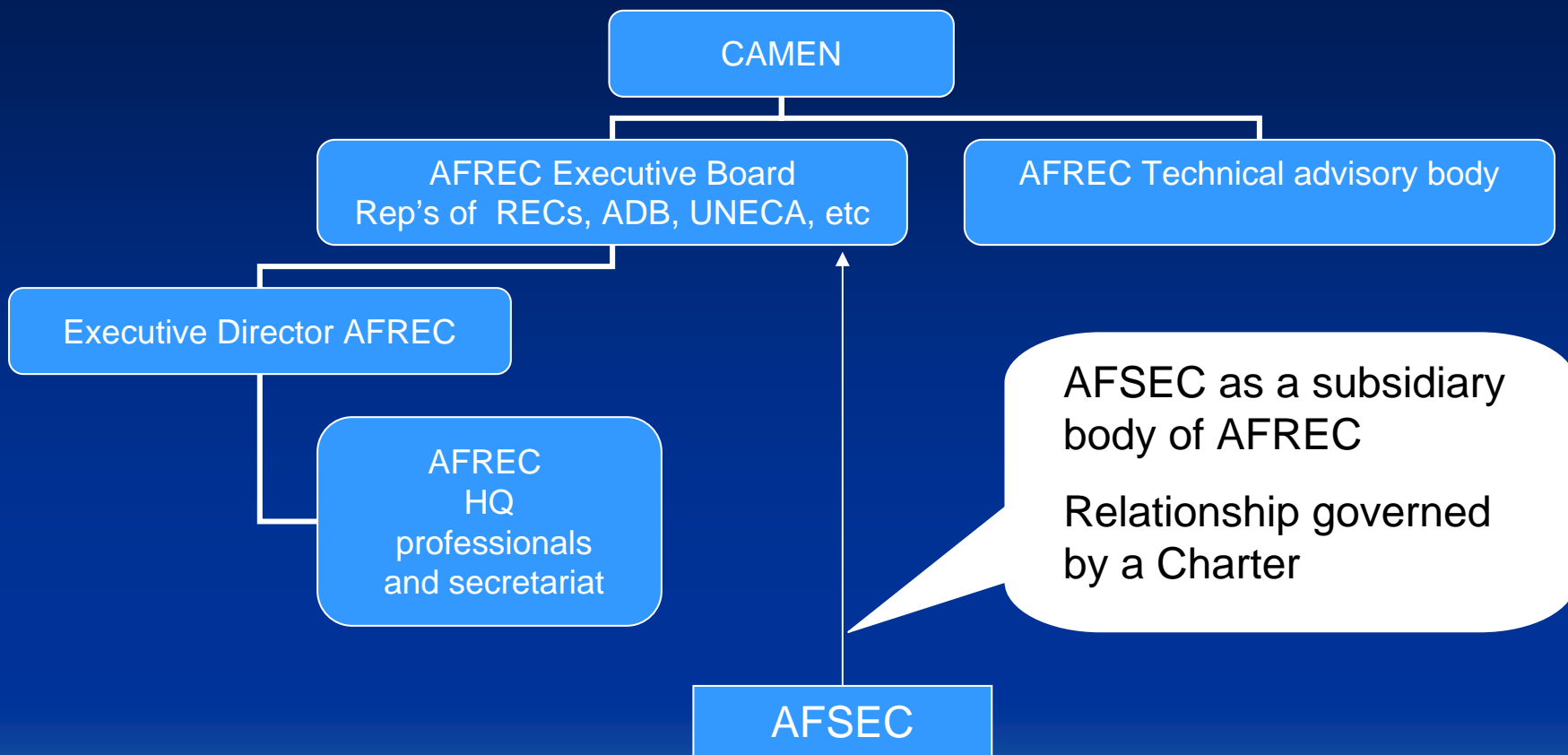
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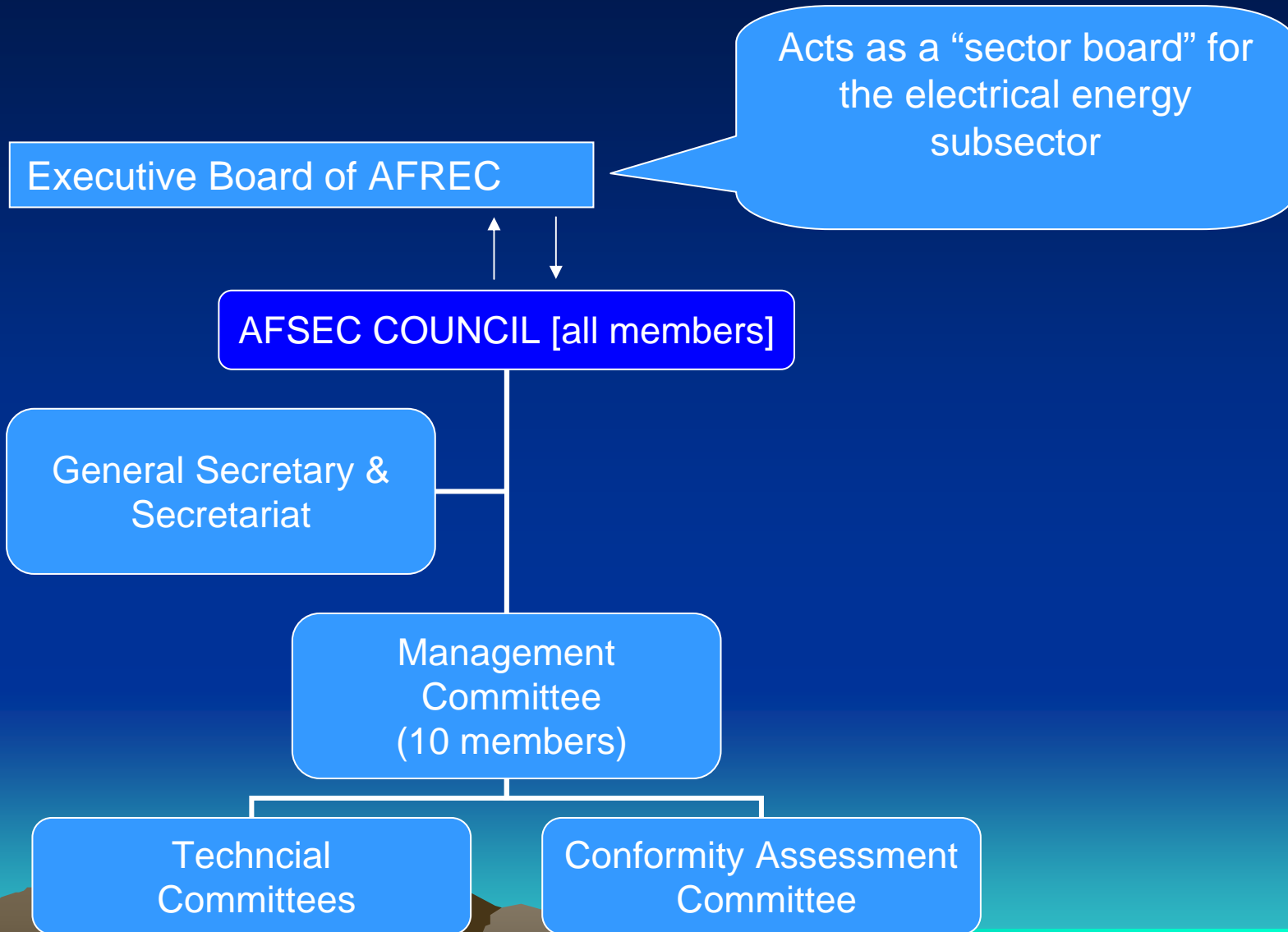
- A stakeholder working group has been established under the chair of AFREC responsible for the details of implementation of the project
- An interim secretariat is functional, through resources provided by Eskom, South Africa
- A road map has been prepared with a view to preparing for the founding meeting and first General Assembly of AFSEC in 2007 [financial year 2007/8]



High level structure of the African Energy Commission



Reporting structure of AFSEC to AFREC



Some points resulting from the AFREC/AFSEC relationship

- Charter be drafted to define AFREC/AFSEC relationship
- Partial funding from AFREC budget
- Permanent staff of secretariat have status of international civil servants
- Adopt the Staff regulations and rules, conditions of service of AFREC
- Adopt the financial regulations of AFREC



Drafting of the charter

- Model charter provided by AFSEC
- Final charter to be ready for acceptance at constitutive general Assembly – November 2007
- Input from potential founding members will be requested.

