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.
• 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]
AFSEC as a subsidiary body of AFREC
Relationship governed by a Charter
Reporting structure of AFSEC to AFREC

Executive Board of AFREC

AFSEC COUNCIL [all members]

General Secretary & Secretariat

Management Committee (10 members)

Technical Committees

Conformity Assessment Committee

Acts as a “sector board” for the electrical energy subsector
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.