



Southern African Power Pool

SAPP Executive Committee Press Release

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At the seventeenth Executive Committee Meeting of the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) held in Maseru, Lesotho, on 28-29 April 2005, the SAPP Executive Committee:

1. Unanimously elected Dr. Vicente Veloso, Chief Executive of Electricidade de Mocambique (EdM) of Mozambique, Chairman of the SAPP Executive Committee. Mr. Simon Mhaville of Lesotho Electricity Corporation (LEC) was elected Vice Chairman.
2. Reaffirmed the commitment of the SAPP in addressing the diminishing generation surplus capacity in the SADC region. The Committee agreed that members of the SAPP would share equally the cost of hosting a regional electricity investment conference in Namibia in September 2005 as mandated to SAPP by the Ministers responsible for energy in the SADC region. The Committee further agreed that the conference theme would be *"Emerging Investment Opportunities for sustainable development in the southern African power sector"*.

The Executive Committee noted that in Angola, 260MW of hydropower was commissioned during the last quarter of 2004, in Tanzania 80MW was commissioned at Ubongo during 2004 and in South Africa, Eskom would make 190MW available towards the end of May 2005. The Committee agreed that in future meetings, each member should give an update of their country's generation status.

3. Reaffirmed the commitment of the SAPP to complete the restructuring process and the revision of the SAPP Inter-Governmental MOU to ensure that the revised SAPP Inter-Governmental MOU is ready for signing by the Ministers responsible for energy in the SADC region in September 2005. signing of the revised Inter-Governmental MOU by the Ministers responsible for energy in the SADC region would coincide with the tenth anniversary of the SAPP that was created in August 1995.

The revised Inter-Governmental MOU is expected to address the reforms that have taken place in the SADC organisational structure, the organ to which SAPP reports, power sector reforms and restructuring in member countries and the recognition and admission of new members into the SAPP.

4. Agreed to revise the SAPP Pool Plan of 2001 and in addition develop a SAPP Strategic Plan. The Pool Plan will provide a detailed regional perspective by addressing the optimisation of regional resources and identification of least cost generation and transmission projects worthy promoting for the benefit of the SADC region. The Strategic Plan will give an overview of country priority projects.