



**Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the African Electrotechnical Standardisation
Commission,
a Subsidiary Body of the African Energy Commission**

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Preamble

The African Standardisation Electrotechnical Commission is an organization which was formed as a subsidiary body of the African Energy Commission (AFREC) in August 2008 in Accra, Ghana.

The first Statutes, drawn up at the Preliminary Meeting held in Accra in 2008, were adopted in 2008. The present Statutes and Rules of Procedure replace all former versions and take effect on 1st January 2026

Article 1: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFRICAN ELECTROTECHNICAL STANDARDISATION COMMISSION

In accordance with the declaration of the First Conference of African Ministers responsible for electrical Energy, 20-24 March 2006, as recorded by the African Union in Declaration on “The common vision and strategic framework for a continental policy of the African electricity sector” [AU/MIN/El.En/Decl.(I)], and specifically item 11 of the Plan of Action recorded in AU/MIN/El.En/Pl.Ac.(I), and in accordance with the declaration of the Conference of African Ministers of Energy, 17 February 2008:

The African Electrotechnical Standardisation Commission (AFSEC) is established as a subsidiary body under the auspices of the African Energy Commission and designated in the present Statutes by its abbreviated name "**AFSEC**".

The geographical representation of AFSEC on the African continent is divided into five (5) regions namely; Nothern, Eastern, Central, Western and Southern.

AFSEC constitutes a non profit Corporately Organised association and enjoys legal status in accordance with Article 24 of the Convention of the African Energy Commission.

The matters that are not provided for in the present Statutes are governed by the laws of the country where the headquarters of AFSEC is based.

Article 2: FIELD OF APPLICATION

The provisions of this edition of the statutes and rules of procedure shall apply to the policies and activities that the Members have agreed upon to further harmonisation, concerning in particular the standards, the technical regulations, the procedures for assessing conformity to standards, and the procedures in the fields of electricity, electronics, information and communication technologies and associated technologies aimed at promoting trade and sustainable development in the African Continent.

Article 3: VISION, MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

Vision

To be the reference point for electrotechnical standardization and conformity assessment for sustainable trade and development for Africa

Mission

To develop, adopt and promote the use of harmonized Standards and Conformity Assessment Systems to enhance inter-Africa trades of products and services, ensuring the safety, efficiency, reliability and interoperability of electrical, electronic and information technologies and facilitate reliable energy access for sustainable development.

Objectives

The African Electrotechnical Standardisation Commission (AFSEC) has the following objectives:

- i) to improve the wellbeing of the African populations by the promotion, development and application of harmonised standards and conformity assessment systems on the entire continent for trade, access to electricity, sustainable and reliable energy;
- ii) to encourage and facilitate adoption of international standards in the field of electrotechnology by its members;
- iii) to coordinate the views of its members at the IEC, ISO and other international organizations and regional standardization organizations concerned with the AFSEC field of application as provided in Article 2 of these statutes;
- iv) to meet the needs of the African continental market with competence;
- v) to promote the pre-eminence and the maximum use of harmonized standards and conformity assessment systems on the African continent;
- vi) to enhance international cooperation for all matters of standardisation and related subjects such as the verification of conformity with standards, in the fields of electricity, electronics, information technologies and associated technologies aimed at promoting trade and sustainable development in the African Continent;
- vii) to Ensure interoperability and interface compatibility through standardized protocols and specifications
- viii) to facilitate the trade on the African continent by removing the different technical obstacles, thus opening new markets and furthering economic integration and economic growth;
- ix) to support industry and users through a consultative framework that foster standardization for design efficiency and product and service quality
- x) to contribute to the improvement of the health and safety of persons;
- xi) to contribute to the protection of the environment by offering to the parties concerned an efficient infrastructure for the improvement, maintenance, and distribution of a coherent set of standards;
- xii) to support public-private partnership engagements in the development and adoption of standards
- xiii) to enhance cooperation with national and regional standardization bodies in Africa;
- xiv) to support the standardization, Conformity Assessment and harmonized adoption of internationally applied technologies

Article 4: HEADQUARTERS OF AFSEC

The headquarters of AFSEC are determined by the Council. At the time of issue of these Statutes and Rules of Procedure, the headquarters of AFSEC is Cairo, Egypt

Article 5: MEMBERS AND PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

5.1 Statutory Members

- 5.1.1 Any country wishing to participate in the work of AFSEC forms a National Committee (NC). There is only one NC per country. Only the NC of the countries recognized by the African Union shall be eligible for admission to AFSEC as statutory members. Each NC must be fully representative of the national interests in the fields of activity of AFSEC in their countries.
- 5.1.2 The members of AFSEC undertake to:
 - a) promote the objectives of AFSEC;
 - b) participate in the development of standards and other related activities;
 - c) sustain the standardization and conformity assessment activities;
 - d) implement the decisions of AFSEC;
 - e) apply the African and international electrotechnical standards in a transparent manner; and
 - f) promote the conformity assessment of electrotechnical equipment and systems, renewable energy, and Information Technologies.

Members must play a key role at all levels of decision-making of the bodies of AFSEC so as to obtain a broad consensus during the work.

5.1.3 The Statutory Members have voting rights

5.1.4 **Statutory Members** have the duty to pay their membership fees calculated according to the method approved by the Council.

5.2 Affiliate organizations

5.2.1 Affiliate organizations are African organizations with technical expertise to participate in the AFSEC work.

At the time of issue of these Statutes and Rules of Procedure, following were the AFSEC Affiliate organizations:

- i) Regional Electrotechnical Committees (RECs): Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), South African Development Community (SADCSTAN)
- ii) Power Pools: Association of Power Utilities of Africa (APUA), East African Power Pool (EAPP), Southern African Power Pool (SAPP), Western African Power Pool (WAPP), Pool Energétique de l'Afrique Centrale (PEAC);
- iii) Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE)
- iv) The Egyptian Electric Utility and Consumer Protection Regulatory Agency (EgyptERA)
- v) African Energy Commission (AFREC);
- vi) African Union Commission (AUC);
- vii) Power Institute of East and Southern Africa (PIESA)

5.2.2 Affiliate organizations do not have voting rights.

5.2.3 Affiliate Organizations do not pay membership fees but may make voluntary financial contributions.

5.3 Partner organizations

Partner organizations are not members of AFSEC. The conditions of cooperation and division of responsibilities and spheres of activity with such organizations, including donors, are governed by cooperation agreements.

Partner organizations may participate in the activities of AFSEC after approval by the Management Committee, to support specific AFSEC activities, to be defined within the framework of the activities and projects under cooperation.

Article 6: CONDITIONS TO BECOME MEMBER AND AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION OF AFSEC

Any National Committee (NC) of a country recognized by African Union, in accordance with Article 5 of the Statutes that wishes to become a member of AFSEC, addresses an application in writing to the Secretariat of AFSEC who submits it to the vote of the Council, in accordance with Article 9.2.

In the case of Statutory Membership, this application for admission must mention the intention of the new member to comply with the Statutes and Rules of Procedure and supply proof that the National Electrotechnical Committee has been constituted according to the provisions of Article 5.

Upon request from the AFSEC Secretariat, the NC Secretary shall submit details of the NC members and organizations represented.

Any organization, in accordance with Article 5 of the Statutes that wishes to become Affiliate organization of AFSEC, addresses an application in writing to the Secretariat of AFSEC who submits it to the vote of the Council.

Article 7: AUTHORITY

In a meeting (either physical, hybrid or virtual) as well as by correspondence, a decision taken by vote of the Council, or by vote of the Management Committee when the decision-making authority has been delegated to the latter by the Council, constitutes the decision of AFSEC. It is distributed according to the provisions defined in articles 21 and 22.

Article 8: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF AFSEC

The African Electrotechnical Standardisation Commission (AFSEC) is organised around the Council of AFSEC, the Management Committee, the Executives Committee, the Executive Secretariat, the Standards Management Committee, the Conformity Assessment Committee, the Technical Committees. (Articles 9 to 21).

Article 9: COUNCIL

The supreme authority of AFSEC is the Council, consisting of the Members (see article 5) in session in accordance with article 6.

The AFSEC Council has, among other duties, the role of:

- i) defining the policy of AFSEC and strategic and financial objectives in the short and long term;
- ii) electing the President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Regional Representatives, , as well as Technical Committee and Conformity Assessment Committee Chairs,
- iii) being responsible for the review of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of AFSEC and for the settling of appeals emanating from the Management Committee;
- iv) approving the accounts and the budget of AFSEC and appointing the Auditor upon proposal of the Management Committee; and
- v) approving the standards in the fields of electricity, electronics, information and communication technologies and associated technologies.

The Council delegates the management of all activities of AFSEC to the AFSEC Management Committee (AMC), certain management responsibilities in the field of standards and Conformity assessment being devolved upon the AFSEC Standard Management Committee (ASMC), the AFSEC Conformity Assessment Committee (ACAC) and/or the AFSEC Secretariat respectively.

The Affiliate Organizations are members of the Council; they attend the meetings of the Council.

9.1 Council Meetings

The Council shall fix dates and venues for its meetings. Council meetings shall either be physical, Hybrid or virtual

The Council meets at least once every two years but may be convened upon request by the President or one fifth of the total number of Statutory Members.

The notification to attend is distributed by the AFSEC Secretariat to all members at least three months before the meeting based on the annual activity plan. The President may, either upon written request of a Statutory Member received at least two months before the meeting, or on his own initiative, invite observers.

The detailed responsibilities of the Council are listed in the Rules of Procedure.

The draft agenda and the documents requiring that a decision be taken in a meeting, are distributed at least six weeks before the meeting. The other documents and the remarks are distributed at least three weeks before the meeting.

The documents that have not been distributed according to the above provisions, or any other subject not appearing on the agenda, may only be examined by the Council if the majority of the members present agree on it.

The members who wish to submit proposals to the Council must address them to the Secretary General at least two months before the meeting. During the meeting, it is the Secretary General who presents these proposals for examination.

The presence of half of the Council members plus one (+1) constitutes the required quorum for the validity of the Council's meeting.

The minutes of the Council and the attendance register are kept by the AFSEC Secretariat and distributed to all members.

9.2 Vote

The decisions of the Council may be taken according to two procedures.

Procedure 1:

Procedure 1 applies to the admission of new members.

The proposal to be put to the vote is distributed to all voting members by the AFSEC Secretariat. The Statutory Members are invited to respond within two months counting from the date of dispatch of the communication by the AFSEC Secretariat. They must know whether or not they are in favour of the proposal that has been submitted to them.

The proposal is adopted if a simple majority of the ballots received are in favour of admission. Abstentions and non-responsive members shall not be part of the calculation unless the number exceeds fifty percent (50%) of all Statutory Members eligible for voting.

Procedure 2:

Procedure 2 applies to all decisions of the Council, except those covered by Procedure 1, by Article 24 "Modification to the Statutes and Regulations" and by Article 30: "Dissolution of AFSEC".

At a meeting of the Council, a proposal is adopted by a simple majority of the Statutory Members present and voting.

Voting by proxy is not allowed. Abstention, although allowed, is not counted as a vote when counting the votes.

By correspondence, with a voting period of two months, the proposal is adopted by a simple majority of the votes of the Statutory Members received by the AFSEC Secretariat.

The deadline for receipt of the votes by the AFSEC Secretariat in accordance with the Statutes is recorded on the ballot paper which the AFSEC Secretariat addresses to the Statutory Members by any means guaranteeing that they will receive it within 15 days counting from their dispatch.

Article 10: AFSEC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (AMC)

The Council delegates the management of the activities of AFSEC to the AFSEC Management Committee (AMC) which is invested with the authority and responsibility related to the particular tasks listed in the Rules of Procedure.

The AMC implements the policy of the Council and makes policy recommendations to the latter. It ratifies the agendas of the Council meetings and prepares the associated documents, receives and examines the reports of the AFSEC Secretary General, Treasurer, AFSEC Standards Management Committee (ASMC), the AFSEC Conformity Assessment Committee (ACAC) and the AFSEC Technical Committees (ATCs).

AMC also has the task of creating advisory bodies, according to the needs, and of proposing the Presidents and the members of these advisory bodies to the Council.

Certain managerial responsibilities in the fields of standards and Conformity assessment are delegated to the AFSEC Standard Management Committees (ASMC) and the AFSEC Conformity Assessment Committee (ACAC) respectively by AMC.

10.1 Composition

The AMC is composed as follows:

- i) the President of AFSEC;
- ii) the Vice Presidents;
- iii) the AFSEC Secretary General;
- iv) the 10 Regional Representatives elected by the Council; Annex (countries in each region)
- v) the Treasurer (without voting rights)
- vi) the Executive Director of AFREC or is his/her nominee; and
- vii) the Director General of APUA or his/her nominee.

All decisions of the Management Committee must be minuted and reported to the Council.

The 10 Regional Representatives elected by the Council have a term of three years eligible for re-election once.

The members of the Management Committee act in the interest of AFSEC and its members. They are elected based on their personal qualifications and, consequently, have no substitute.

10.2 Election Procedure

Six months before the meeting of the AFSEC Management Committee (AMC) preceding the end of the term of the outgoing members of the Management Committee, the Secretariat invites all Statutory Members to propose names and qualification of candidates within two months

The list of the countries having accepted to present candidates, the names and qualifications of the latter, as well as any other relevant information, are distributed by the Secretariat to all members.

Voting shall take place by secret ballot during the next meeting of the Council. Statutory members unable to attend in person may cast their votes electronically in accordance with the procedures approved by the council.

Any change of an elected member requires the agreement of the Council. This agreement is deemed to have been given if the distribution of the qualifications of the substitute member has not led to any objection.

The term of the newly elected members takes effect on 1st January of the year following their election.

10.3 Meetings

The presence of half of the AMC members plus one (+1) voting members constitutes the required quorum. The AFSEC Management Committee (AMC) meets as often as necessary, but at least once a year, upon invitation of the President. AMC meetings shall either be physical or virtual

The preliminary agenda and the documents requiring that a decision be taken in a meeting are distributed at least one month before the meeting.

A recording of all the meetings is kept by the Secretariat and a report on the meetings is addressed to the members of the AFSEC Management Committee. (AMC)

10.4 Vote

In a meeting or by correspondence, the decisions are adopted by a two third ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the voting members, provided that at least half of the AMC members have voted , failing which the decision is postponed until the next meeting.

An abstention is not considered as the expression of a vote when computing the final voting results. Voting by certified proxy is not allowed.

Routine decisions are taken and distributed by electronic communication.

Article 11: EXECUTIVES COMMITTEE

The AFSEC Executives Committee (ExCo), plays an advisory role to the Secretary General, and is composed of:

- the President
- the Vice Presidents
- the Secretary General
- the Treasurer

The ExCo is responsible to take operational decisions based on the Council and the Management Committee Directions. The ExCo facilitates swift decision making on urgent matters which cannot wait for the management committee meeting.

Furthermore, it has the role of:

- i. Follow up Secretariat activities (signed agreements, action plans,,,) , making sure they are efficiently implemented
- ii. Discuss Documents developed by the Secretariat or Task Teams formed by the Council to perform specific tasks before being raised to the Management Committee and Council.
- iii. Discuss with the Treasurer - when needed- the periodic Financial Statements and review budget availability, as well as membership fees payments.
- iv. Discuss the Handover progress between the officers who completed their terms and the newly elected ones
- v. Review partnership agreements before execution.
- vi. Monitor implementation of strategic objectives.
- vii. Establish a performance-based incentive framework for verifiable outcomes, and propose an incentive criteria for review by the Management Committee and approval by the Council, subject to and in accordance with AFSEC's financial regulations.

In addition to any other matters related to the ASMC or ACAC raised by the Vice Presidents

The AFSEC Executives Committee ExCo meets physically or virtually as often as necessary, at least once every 4 months and the quorum will be 50% + 1. Meetings shall be presided by the President or one of the Vice Presidents whenever the President is not available. Meeting decisions shall be documented.

Article 12: AFSEC SECRETARIAT

The AFSEC Secretariat is under the leadership of the AFSEC Secretary General.

The AFSEC Secretary General is responsible for applying the decisions of the Council and of the Management Committee. It must prepare the agendas and the documents intended for the Management Committee.

Furthermore, has the role of:

- i) supervising the administrative operation of AFSEC;
- ii) coordinating and supporting the activities of the AFSEC Standards Management Committee (ASMC), the AFSEC Conformity Assessment Committee (ACAC) and the Technical Committees (ATCs);
- iii) ensuring, on a daily basis, the distribution of the work, the decisions of AFSEC and the publication of the final texts of the standards at the level of the members and the bodies of the AUC;
- iv) making available the resources necessary for their operation to the different committees;
- v) reporting back on daily activities to the AFSEC Management Committee (AMC);
- vi) realising the promotion and distribution of the electrotechnical standards and strengthening the capabilities of the members and the National Committees so as to guarantee that the product or service is realised and has undergone the tests in Conformity with the standards in force;
- vii) promote conformity of electrotechnical equipment, renewable energy and Information Technology; and
- viii) drawing up the procedures, work instructions, mission and job sheets of the different bodies of AFSEC to be submitted to AMC and to the Council.

The composition of the staff of the Secretariat which takes into account the volume of activities and budget constraints is determined after the agreement of AMC and of the Council, in accordance with the staff regulations and rules adopted by the Council.,

Article 13: AFSEC STANDARDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (ASMC)

13.1 Composition

The AFSEC Standards Management Committee (ASMC) is composed of:

- ASMC Chairperson, who shall be one of the elected Vice Presidents of AFSEC;
- Chairpersons of the AFSEC Technical Committees ATCs
- ASMC Secretary, elected by the ASMC from among the Chairpersons of the Technical Committees;
- The Secretary General or his/her representative (without voting rights).

13.2 Meetings

The presence of half plus one (+1) of the members voting constitutes the required quorum. The ASMC meets at least twice a year. It may be convened upon request of its Chairperson or one third of its elected members. ASMC meetings shall either be physical or virtual

The preliminary agenda is distributed by the AFSEC Secretariat to the members of the ASMC, as well as to all members, at least one month before the meeting.

The documents requiring that a decision be taken in a meeting are distributed to the members of the ASMC and to the members, at least three weeks before the meeting.

The documents that have not been distributed according to the above provisions, or any other subject not appearing on the agenda, may only be examined by the ASMC if none of the members present oppose it.

Only the members of the ASMC or their substitute are authorised to sit in a meeting. Observers may be invited on request in writing or upon identification of gaps that may require expertise for the examination of certain subjects.

The Chairperson or Secretary of the ACAC and the Treasurer may attend meetings of the ASMC as observer.

A record of the meetings of the ASMC is kept by the AFSEC Secretariat. The provisional minutes of the meeting is submitted to the members of the ASMC for remarks, within one month counting from its distribution.

Any remarks received on the provisional minutes are dealt with by the Chairman of the ASMC and by the ASMC Secretary. In the absence of remarks or after they have been taken into account, the minutes is considered as approved and is distributed for information to all members.

The Chairperson of the ASMC may, *as observer*, attend all the meetings of any AFSEC Technical Committee (ATC).

13.3 Vote

Only the ATC chairpersons or their substitute and the ASMC Chairperson, have voting rights.

In a meeting or by correspondence, the decisions are adopted by a two third ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the voting members, provided that at least half of the members have voted, failing which the decision is postponed until the next meeting.

An abstention is not considered as the expression of a vote when computing the final voting results. Voting by certified proxy is not allowed

The decisions that are considered to have a significant impact on the finances or the policy of AFSEC are submitted to the AFSEC Management Committee and/or the Council for confirmation.

Article 14: AFSEC TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (ATCs)

Upon proposal of the AFSEC Management Committee, the Council delegates to the ATCs the technical standardisation activities of AFSEC in the fields of electrotechnology, Information Communication Technology, renewable energy and associated technologies.

Each ATC takes all measures it deems necessary to ensure the proper and prompt execution of the normative work Rules of Procedure

The Technical Committees are responsible for identifying and developing/harmonising the standards in accordance with the market needs. They work out the planning of their activities which they submit for Approval to the Management Committee (MC) on the recommendation of the Standards Management Committee. They report back to the Standards Management Committee on all their decisions.

AFSEC Technical Committees may establish liaison with other AFSEC Technical Committees, international or partner organizations, including sponsorship opportunities which shall be considered and approved by the AMC on the recommendation of the Standards Management Committee before implementation.

14.1 Establishment of a Technical Committee

Technical Committees shall be established and dissolved by the ASMC in accordance with the Directives of the Council and the field of activity clearly defined. The ASMC may transform an existing subcommittee into a new technical committee, following consultation with the parent technical committee and approval of the Council.

A technical committee shall be considered to be duly established if at least five (5) Statutory Members have expressed their intention to play an active part in the working of the committee and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Statutory Members voting approves the proposal.

The National Electrotechnical Committee (NC) proposing the establishment of a Technical Committee will provide the ATC secretary, elected by the ATC and approved by ASMC. However, any Statutory Member is eligible to propose a Secretary.

13.2 Field of activity

The field of activities of an AFSEC Technical Committee can only be modified or broadened with the agreement of the AFSEC Management Committee upon a recommendation from the AFSEC Standards Management Committee.

14.3 Participation

The Statutory Members have the right to participate in the activities of all the AFSEC Technical Committees, as Permanent Members (P-).

The Statutory Members and interested parties who are interested in the work of any Technical Committee shall submit the names and qualifications of their nominees to the AFSEC Secretariat for consideration.

Any African NC can participate in the activities of all the AFSEC Technical Committees as Observers (O-).

All Affiliate Organizations have the right to have access to the documents of all Technical committees, and to submit comments related thereto. Upon request to the Secretary General, the Affiliate Organizations participate as Observers without voting rights, in the work of the Technical Committees.

The partner organizations may participate in the work of the AFSEC Technical Committees as Observers to provide their expertise.

Any request for a change in the choice of the AFSEC Technical Committee(s) must be addressed to the Secretary General for approval by the AFSEC Management Committee on the proposal of the AFSEC Standards Management Committee.

13.4 Composition

Each ATC is composed as follows:

- i) Chairperson
- ii) Secretary
- iii) Interested NCs,
- iv) Affiliate Organizations without voting rights
- v) Interested Partners as Observers to be approved by ATC Chair without voting rights
- vi) the AFSEC Secretary General or his representative (without voting rights).

The Chairperson of the AFSEC Technical Committee is elected by the Council for a term of three years, in accordance with the provisions of articles 9 and 10. The term is eligible for re-election once.

The Secretary of the AFSEC Technical Committee elected by ATC members for a term of at least four years, and approved by the ASMC. The term is renewable once.

The ATC accounts for all its decisions to the AFSEC Standards Management Committee.

The term of the ATC Chairperson and Secretary takes effect on 1st January of the year following their nomination or their election.

Any replacement, of an ATC member or his substitute, by the National Electrotechnical Committee which has designated him or her, requires the approval of the AFSEC Management Committee on the recommendation of the AFSEC Standards Management Committee.

14.5 Election of ATC Chairperson

Six months before the election of the ATC Chairperson , the AFSEC Secretariat invites all Statutory Members to propose, within two months, the candidates which they wish to see present themselves for the election.

The names and qualifications of the candidates having accepted to stand for election, as well as any other relevant information, are distributed by the AFSEC Secretariat to all the Statutory Members.

Voting takes place by secret ballot at the next meeting of the Council which precedes the end of the term of the outgoing Chairpersons of the ATC.

The NC of the ATC Chairperson or Secretary, who is unable to attend the ATC Meetings, shall nominate the replacement of the elected members.

14.6 Tasks and responsibilities

The standardisation work of AFSEC is performed by the Technical Committees dealing with a particular field in conformity with the task defined in article 3.

The AFSEC Technical Committee may organise themselves into SubCommittees (SC), working groups (WG) or project teams (PT) with convenors nominated by the ATC members and approved by the AFSEC Standards Management Committee.

A member of a ATC elected as the secretary of a committee (rapporteur) undertakes to see to it that the work is conducted actively and that it is rapidly brought to a successful conclusion.

14.7 Meetings

The presence of four National Electrotechnical Committees(NCs) in each TC constitutes the quorum required to hold either physical or virtual meetings. TC meetings shall be held at least twice annually.

The ATCs shall submit an annual workplan for ASMC approval. The ATC meeting shall be guided by the ATC Workplan, but it may also be convened upon request of its Chairperson.

The preliminary agenda is distributed by the ATC Secretary in collaboration with the AFSEC Secretariat to the ATC members, as well as all members of AFSEC, at least one month before the meeting.

The documents requiring that a decision be taken in a meeting are distributed to the ATC members, as well as all members of AFSEC, at least three weeks before the meeting.

The documents that have not been distributed according to the above provisions, or any other subject not appearing on the agenda, may only be examined by the ATC if the majority of the members present agree on it.

Only the members of the ATC or their substitute (and an expert who may be the substitute) are authorised to sit in a meeting. Observers may be invited on request in writing or upon identification of gaps that may require expertise for the examination of certain subjects .

If, for whatever reason, neither a member nor his substitute can attend a meeting, a replacement is designated by the body of the absent member.

The Affiliate Organizations who have to submit proposals to the ATC must communicate them to the Secretary General at least two months before the meeting. During the meeting, with the agreement of the ATC Chairperson, the ATC Secretary presents the proposals for consideration.

The ATC Chairperson may invite the representatives of the Affiliate Organization to take part in the discussion of their proposals.

The attendance list and the minutes of the meetings of the ATCs are kept by the AFSEC Secretariat and the provisional minutes of the meeting is submitted to the members of the ATCs for comments within one month counting from its distribution.

Any remarks received on the provisional minutes are dealt with by the ATC Chairperson and the ATC Secretary. In the absence of remarks or after they have been taken into account, the minutes is considered to be approved and is distributed for information to all members of AFSEC.

14.8 Vote

All Participating (P) National Electrotechnical Committees in the Technical Committee have voting rights.

In a meeting or by correspondence, the decisions are adopted by a two third ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the voting members, provided that at least four members are present, failing which, the decision is postponed until the next meeting.

An abstention is not considered as the expression of a vote when computing the final voting results. Voting by certified proxy is not allowed.

The decisions that are considered as having an important influence on the finances or policy of AFSEC are submitted to Management Committee (AMC) for consideration on recommendation of the ASMC.

Article 15: AFSEC CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (ACAC)

Upon proposal of the Management Committee AMC, the Council delegates the management of the Conformity assessment activities of AFSEC to the ACAC.

The ACAC has the task of assessing and modifying the Conformity assessment activities of the products or services in accordance with the regulations of AFSEC and in liaison with other international, regional and national bodies or possibly partner organizations for matters of Conformity assessment.

The ACAC takes all the measures it deems necessary to promote and facilitate the activities of AFSEC in the field of Conformity Assessment according to the Rules of Procedure

The ACAC manages the Conformity assessment system and verifies the compliance with the rules and procedures. It verifies that the Conformity certificates are well recognised at the level of the members. In this regard, within the limits defined by the Management Committee AMC, the participation in the AFSEC Conformity assessment systems is open to countries and organizations that are not members of AFSEC.

The ACAC is composed of the following:

- i) Chairperson, who shall be one of the elected Vice Presidents of AFSEC
- ii) Secretary (nominated from among the members of CAC)
- iii) ten (10) members elected by the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 14.2;
- iv) one representative (without voting rights) of each individual Conformity assessment system of AFSEC; and
- v) the AFSEC Secretary General or his representative (without voting rights).

The ACAC accounts for all its decisions to the Management Committee.

15.1 Composition

The ten (10) elected members (Two per region) of the CAC are elected by the Council upon proposal of the Management Committee, taking into account their personal qualifications, with a balanced geographic spread (Article 1) and the level of participation of the members in the activities of AFSEC.

The ten (10) members are elected for a term of six years, They are eligible for re-election for only one second term for six years.

The term of the members takes effect on 1st January of the year following the election.

Any replacement, during his term, of a member by the Statutory Member who designated him, requires the approval of the Management Committee.

15.2 Election Procedure

Six months before the election of the ACAC members, the AFSEC Secretariat invites all Statutory Members to propose the candidates giving a period of two months

The AFSEC Secretariat circulates the names and qualifications of successful candidates to all Statutory Members for voting.

Voting takes place by secret ballot at the meeting of the Council which precedes the end of the term of the outgoing the ACAC members .

15.3 Meetings

The presence of half plus one (+1) of the ACAC members constitutes the required quorum. The ACAC meets at least twice a year. It may be convened upon request of its Chairperson or one third of its elected members. ACAC meetings shall either be physical or virtual.

The preliminary agenda is distributed by the AFSEC Secretariat to the members of the ACAC upon consultation with the Chairperson, as well as to all members, at least one month before the meeting.

The documents requiring that a decision be taken in a meeting are distributed to the members and substitutes of the ACAC and to the members, at least three weeks before the meeting.

The documents that have not been distributed according to the above provisions, or any other subject not appearing on the agenda, may only be examined by the ACAC if none of the members present oppose it.

Only the members of the ACAC are authorised to sit in a meeting. However, the Chairperson of the ACAC may, in agreement with the Secretary General , invite observers whose contribution may prove useful for the examination of certain subjects.

The Chairperson or Secretary of the ASMC and the Treasurer may attend meetings of the ACAC as observer.

A recording of the meetings of the ACAC is kept by the AFSEC Secretariat. The provisional minutes of the meeting is submitted to the members of the Conformity Assessment Committee for remarks, within one month counting from its distribution.

Any remarks received on the provisional minutes are dealt with by the Chairperson of the ACAC and by the ACAC Secretary. In the absence of remarks or after they have been taken into account, the minutes are considered as approved and is distributed for information to all members.

The Chairperson of the ACAC may, as *observer*, attend all the meetings of the systems committees.

15.4 Vote

Only the ten elected members of the ACAC , who may be represented by their substitute, have voting rights.

In a meeting or by correspondence, the decisions are adopted by a two third (2/3) majority of the voting members, provided that at least half of the members have voted, failing which the decision is postponed until the next meeting.

An abstention is not considered as the expression of a vote when computing the final voting results. Voting by certified proxy is not allowed.

The decisions that are considered to have a significant impact on the finances or the policy of AFSEC are submitted to the AFSEC Management Committee and/or the Council for confirmation.

Article 16: AFSEC CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS

The AFSEC Conformity assessment work of the Committee is conducted by various Systems Committees , each of them having its own field of activity. Each Systems Committee report to the ACAC and are managed by the ACAC . A non-member country of AFSEC or Organization may participate in a System after agreement of the AFSEC Management Committee (AMC).

In the context of African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and where so agreed by Council on a recommendation from the ACAC via the AMC, AFSEC shall endorse and promote the application of existing international conformity assessment systems by AFSEC and its members. The ACAC shall appoint a member to act as a focal point for each system.

Where international conformity assessment systems do not exist or are considered not suitable for application by AFSEC, the systems are created, modified or dissolved by the Conformity Assessment Committee. The Systems may create and delegate responsibilities to bodies such as test laboratory committees, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, approved for each System by the ACAC.

The Statutory Members shall request ACAC to participate in the activities of all the Systems. A body which is not a member of AFSEC may be admitted to a System, subject to the agreement of the AFSEC Management Committee (AMC), and subject to meeting the particular requirements for admission as member of the System concerned.

Each Individual System has at least a Chairperson and Secretary appointed by the CAC upon recommendation by the System Committee.

The budget of all the Systems is managed by the AFSEC Secretariat in consultation with the AFSEC Conformity Assessment Committee (ACAC).

A System is officially created when its Rules of Procedure have been validated by the ACAC and approved by the AFSEC Management Committee (AMC).

A System wishing to modify its Rules of Procedure submit the text of the modifications proposed to the AFSEC Conformity Assessment Committee (ACAC), then to the AFSEC Management Committee (AMC) and the modifications only come into effect once they have been approved.

Article 17: AFSEC PRESIDENT

The AFSEC President is elected by vote, in accordance with the provisions of Article 9.2. The election takes place in the course of the third year of the term of the President in office. After a term of office of one year, the President elect become President.

The term of office of the AFSEC President shall be for single period of four years. On expiry of the preceding presidency term of office, the President elect become President.

The functions of the AFSEC President are as follows:

- a) represents AFSEC;
- b) preside over the Council, the AFSEC Management Committee (AMC) and the AFSEC Secretariat;
- c) Cast the deciding vote in session of the Council (if necessary);
- d) take decisions on the subjects entrusted to him/her by the Council; and
- e) take, if need be, any measure necessary between the meetings of the Council, of the AFSEC Management Committee (AMC) or of the AFSEC Secretariat.

The President may delegate part of his/her functions to any other ExCo Member .

The President may sit in any meetings, without voting rights, except in the case of point c) above.

Article 18: ELECTION PROCEDURE OF THE PRESIDENT

Six months before the meeting of the Council of the third year of the term of the AFSEC President, the AFSEC Secretariat invites the Statutory Members to propose candidates giving a period of two months, in view of the election of the future President of AFSEC.

After confirmation of their candidature by the persons proposed, the names and qualifications of the latter are distributed by the AFSEC Secretariat to all Statutory Members, without mentioning the origin of the proposals, in view of a vote according to the provisions of Article 9.

If several candidates have been proposed, voting takes place by secret ballot at the next meeting of the Council. The nominated candidates must be physically present at the council meeting where the election is held.

In case of death, incapacity or resignation of the AFSEC President during the first three years of his/her term, it is the First Vice President who acts as President of AFSEC.

The AFSEC Secretariat immediately invites the Statutory Members to present candidates within two months in view of the election of a successor.

If the death, incapacity or resignation of the AFSEC President occurs during the third year of his/her term, the First Vice President immediately accedes to the presidency and completes the term.

Article 19: VICE PRESIDENTS

The number of AFSEC Vice Presidents is fixed by the Council. It must not exceed the number of three.

The Chairperson of the Standard Management Committee ASMC responsible for coordinating the activities of the AFSEC Technical Committees and of the Chairperson of the AFSEC Conformity Assessment Committee ACAC are the elected Vice Presidents of AFSEC for the duration of their term.

The AFSEC Vice Presidents are elected for three years and eligible for re-election once for another term of three years.

The Vice Presidents of AFSEC are, members of the Council (*as observer(s)*), the AFSEC Management Committee and may participate in the meetings of the AFSEC Secretariat and all the Technical Committees of AFSEC.

The functions of the First AFSEC Vice President are as follows:

- a) represent AFSEC, where so requested by the AFSEC President;
- b) preside over the AFSEC Standards Management Committee (ASMC);
- c) cast the deciding vote in session of the ASMC (if necessary);
- d) take decisions on the subjects entrusted to him/her by the AFSEC Management Committee and Council; and
- e) take, if need be, any measure necessary between the meetings of the ASMC, of the AFSEC Management Committee.

The functions of the Second AFSEC Vice President are as follows:

- a) represent AFSEC, where so requested by the President;
- b) preside over the AFSEC Conformity Assessment Committee (ACAC);
- c) Cast the deciding vote in session of the ACAC (if necessary);
- d) take decisions on the subjects entrusted to him by the AFSEC Management Committee and Council; and
- e) take, if need be, any measure necessary between the meetings of the ACAC, or of the AFSEC Management Committee.

If necessary, in addition to their functions of Chairperson of the ASMC or of Chairperson of the ACAC the AFSEC Vice Presidents act in the name of the AFSEC President or assume any other function delegated by the AFSEC President.

Six months, at least, before the meeting of the Council preceding the end of the term of the AFSEC Vice Presidents, the AFSEC Secretariat invites the Statutory Members to propose candidates within two months.

The AFSEC Secretariat circulates the names and qualifications of successful candidates to all Statutory Members for voting.

As regards the AFSEC Vice Presidents, if several candidates have been proposed, a vote by secret ballot takes place at the next meeting of the Council.

This Vice President assumes his functions on 1st January of the year following his election.

If, for whatever reason, a Vice President is not able to complete his term, a new Vice-President is elected without delay for the remaining duration of the term and is eligible for election for a normal term of three years.

Article 20: SECRETARY GENERAL

The appointment and term of office of the Secretary General shall be in accordance with the staff regulations and rules adopted by the Council. The Secretary General is mandated to act as the legal representative and official signatory of AFSEC. He/she represents AFSEC in dealings with external stakeholders, including government agencies, partners, and the public, and makes key decisions relating to AFSEC's operations and future direction.

He/she is responsible, in consultation with the ExCo, for developing and implementing organizational strategies, setting strategic goals.

He/she is responsible for providing overall direction, and overseeing the day-to-day operations of AFSEC, including personnel management, budgeting, and resource allocation.

The term of office of the Secretary General shall be four years, and he/she shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further four-year term.

The Secretary General participates, without voting rights, in the work of the Council and the Management Committee. He/she prepares and keeps the minutes of meetings. As the principal executive officer, he/she ensures the implementation of the decisions of the Council and the Management Committee under the supervision of the President of AFSEC and the Vice-Presidents.

The Secretary General may attend meetings of the ASMC, the ACAC, and the ATCs without voting rights. He/she shall also facilitate the work of the different Committees of AFSEC. For financial liabilities, he/she acts as a co-signatory, in accordance with the provisions of Article 21.

Article 21: TREASURER

The Treasurer of AFSEC is nominated by the NCs, he/she is elected by the Council for three years and is eligible for re-election once.

The functions of the Treasurer are as follows:

- a) guide AFSEC for all financial matters;
- b) submit for approval to the AFSC Management Committee and the Council, the budget established on the basis of the indications supplied by the Secretary General;
- c) present to the AFSEC Management Committee and the Council his duly verified annual financial report; and
- d) report to the AFSEC Management Committee and the Council on any other financial matter.

The treasurer is supported by a qualified financial officer employed by the AFSEC Secretariat.

Six months before the Council meeting which precedes the end of the term of the Treasurer, the AFSEC Secretariat invites the Statutory Members to present candidates giving a period of two months.

After confirmation of their candidature by the persons proposed, the names and qualifications of the latter are distributed to the members of the Council by the AFSEC Secretariat.

In case of death, incapacity or resignation of the Treasurer, the AMC immediately designates another ExCo member to act as Treasurer until a successor is elected.

21.1 Resources of AFSEC

The resources of AFSEC come from the contributions of the African Energy Commission and the AUC, annual membership fees paid by the statutory Members fixed according to the provisions adopted by the Council, voluntary contributions, donations, bequests, and income generating activities of AFSEC.

The debts and liabilities of AFSEC are guaranteed solely and exclusively by the property of AFSEC.

In principle, a member must pay his entire membership fee to the Secretariat during the first six months of the year. However, if they wish, the members may settle their membership fee in two equal payments, carried out during the first and third quarters of the year. The annual subscription fees are non-refundable.

The annual membership fee structure shall be approved by the AFSEC Council.

Any statutory members who is in arrears for three consecutive years shall be required to submit a payment plan, approved by the AMC, within 90 days of notification. During this period, the member can't nominate candidates for election to any AFSEC position and shall not have voting rights in any AFSEC body. These rights shall only be reinstated upon commencement of the approved payment plan. Continued failure to comply with the plan may result in further sanctions, including possible suspension of membership, as determined by the Council.

A suspended member shall pay one year's arrears in addition to the payment of the current year in case he seeks to rejoin AFSEC.

21.2 Budget and accounts of AFSEC

The financial management of AFSEC shall be done in accordance with the international best practices and in accordance with local financial regulations. AFSEC is governed by the tax regulations in force in the host country, taking into account any exemptions testablished under the host Country Agreement.

AFSEC budget and programme of activities shall be approved by the AFSEC Council.

Each year, before 1 April, the Secretary General sends to all members, the accounts of AFSEC for the previous year, duly certified by the Auditors (professional chartered accountant) and signed by the AFSEC President and the AFSEC Treasurer.

Travelling and subsistence expenses for the AFSEC President, the AFSEC Vice Presidents, the members of the AFSEC Secretariat, the Treasurer, Regional Representatives, the Chairpersons and Secretaries of AFSEC Committees while on AFSEC duties shall be borne by AFSEC. Where the council assigns special duties/activities, such expenses shall be paid upon written approval by AFSEC President in consultation with AFSEC Secretary General, subject to budget availability.

The cheques or bank transfers intended for settlement of the AFSEC expenses shall be authorized in writing by any two signatories from among the following; the Secretary General, the President, the Vice Presidents, or the Treasurer, and by one staff member of the Secretariat,.

21.3 Incentives/Compensation(New Article)

To promote excellence and active participation in AFSEC's work, a performance-based incentive framework shall be established for the Technical Committees, the Conformity Assessment Committee, and other designated bodies. Incentives may be granted for verifiable outcomes such as developing or adapting standards, producing technical documents/Guides, and developing/delivering capacity-building programmes.

The Executive Committee ExCo shall propose the incentive criteria for annual review by the Management Committee and approval by the Council, subject to budget availability and in accordance with AFSEC's financial regulations.

Article 22: LANGUAGES

The Official languages of AFSEC are English and French.

Both official languages of AFSEC may be used by the delegates in meetings (Council, AFSEC Management Committee, AFSEC Technical Committee and AFSEC Conformity Assessment Committee).

AFSEC Standards shall be published in English and French.

Only translations made by countries in official languages and on identical adoptions (IEC/ISO Guide 2) are accepted by AFSEC. In this case, the version of the AFSEC standard in English or French and the translation in the official language of the country must be bound together.

Translations of the standards of AFSEC in languages other than those mentioned above may be established at their expense by the members of the countries where they are officially in use.

In these cases, the members which undertake the translation must obtain the prior authorisation of the Secretary General and supply to the Secretariat a copy of the translation accompanied by a certificate certifying the correctness of the translation and indicating that an official version of the standard has served as reference text for the translation.

The documents or publications in which these translations appear must mention that they have been established with the agreement of AFSEC.

The Secretariat may publish translations of formal documentation of AFSEC in languages other than the official languages, subject to the agreement of the Management Committee.

The documents and correspondence relating to the work of the technical committees, sub-committees or work groups, as well as the minutes and the final drafts must be established in accordance with the Statutes.

Article 23.1: PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS OF AFSEC, REPRODUCTION RIGHTS

AFSEC may publish any publication or document which the Council or its management bodies deem useful for achieving the objectives of AFSEC.

For the standardisation work of AFSEC, the publications are prepared by AFSEC and the distribution is carried out by the National Electrotechnical Committees (NC) in accordance with national requirements and agreements.

The Members receive, free of charge, printed or electronic versions of the documents, publications and any other communication of AFSEC, in accordance with the rules decreed by the AFSEC Management Committee.

The right of the members to publish, in their country, for the purpose of wide distribution, the documents and publications of AFSEC, is subject to the conditions imposed by the Management Committee.

Each member shall endeavour to prevent the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of AFSEC publications in his/her own country.

Article 23.2: Intellectual Property Rights and Publications

All AFSEC standards, publications, technical documents, conformity assessment materials, databases and related works produced under AFSEC authority shall constitute the exclusive intellectual property of AFSEC and may be reproduced or redistributed by Members only in accordance with Article 22.1 and with prior authorization from the Secretariat; any unauthorized reproduction, distribution, commercial use or translation shall constitute misconduct under Article 28, and AFSEC may grant licenses to external bodies subject to approval by the Management Committee and the Council and shall adopt necessary measures to protect and enforce its intellectual property rights.

Article 24: COOPERATION WITH OTHER BODIES

AFSEC may cooperate with and request participation in the work of other organisations interested in the subjects which it studies. The conditions for cooperation and distribution of responsibilities and the spheres of activity with other bodies such as: The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the African Telecommunication Union (ATU), the African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO), the Intra-Africa Metrology System (AFRIMETS), the African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC), the Pan African Quality Infrastructure (PAQI), the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation (CENELEC), and International Council on Large Electric Systems (Cigre), Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), Standardization Authority of China (SAC), the DLMS User Association, African Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR), the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) are fixed by agreements.

Article 25: MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES AND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

The proposals for modifications to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure are the responsibility of the Council.

Any proposal for a modification to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure must be communicated in writing to the AFSEC Secretariat. The Secretariat sends copies of it to all Statutory members, Affiliate organizations and Partners at least two months before the Council meeting in which this proposal will be discussed and approved.

The proposals for modifications to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure are adopted unless more than one fifth of the members of the Council issue a negative vote, The Secretariat shall update and publish the updated version of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure

Article 26: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any dispute arising between AFSEC organs, Statutory Members, Affiliate Organizations, Partner Organizations, committee members, or the Secretariat in connection with the interpretation or application of the present Statute or the Rules of Procedure shall first be addressed through amicable consultations and an internal executive review. The internal dispute-resolution mechanism shall follow AFSEC's hierarchical structure as follows:

1. The dispute shall first be submitted to the Executive Committee.
2. If the Executive Committee is unable to resolve the matter, it shall be escalated to the Management Committee.
3. If the Management Committee is likewise unable to resolve the matter, the dispute shall be further escalated to the Council for a final internal determination.

The combined duration of the amicable consultations and the full internal review process shall not exceed sixty (60) working days from the date of written notification of the dispute.

If the dispute remains unresolved after the completion of the internal process, the parties may refer the matter to arbitration, to be finally settled under the Rules of Arbitration of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) or the Arbitration Center of the Host Country. Arbitration shall be conducted by a sole arbitrator appointed in accordance with said Rules. The seat and place of arbitration shall be Cairo, Egypt, or the Host Country and the proceedings shall be conducted in English and/or French. The arbitral award shall be final and binding on the parties.

Article 27: Conflict of Interest, Ethics and Conduct

All persons holding office or participating in AFSEC organs or activities shall act with integrity, impartiality, and in the best interest of AFSEC, and shall immediately disclose in writing to the Secretary General any actual or potential conflict of interest, refrain from participating in any deliberations or decisions relating to such conflict, and shall at all times maintain good behavior, ethical conduct and honesty in the performance of their duties and in their interactions within AFSEC, it being understood that any breach of these obligations shall constitute misconduct subject to disciplinary action under Article 29.

Article 28: Confidentiality and Data Protection

All individuals engaged in AFSEC activities shall protect confidential information, including draft standards, internal deliberations, personal data, financial records and any material expressly designated as confidential, and shall use such information solely for AFSEC purposes; AFSEC shall implement appropriate measures for the secure handling, processing, and storage of such data, and disclosure shall only be permitted where authorized by the Secretary General or required by the Council, with any unauthorized disclosure constituting misconduct under Article 29.

Article 29: Disciplinary Measures and Removal from Office

Any elected or appointed official, committee member, or Secretariat staff who breaches the Statute or the Rules of Procedure, violates ethical or confidentiality obligations, misuses AFSEC resources, engages in conduct detrimental to AFSEC, or fails to fulfil assigned duties may, upon complaint, investigation by the Management Committee, and decision of the Council taken in accordance with Procedure 2 under Article 9.2, be subject to disciplinary measures including written warning, suspension, removal from office, withdrawal of voting rights, or termination of mandate, provided that the individual concerned is afforded due notice and the opportunity to be heard..

Article 30: DISSOLUTION OF AFSEC

Any proposal to dissolve AFSEC must be supported by at least half (50%) of the eligible Statutory Members before any decision may be put to the vote. The recommendation is taken by means of a vote by correspondence with response within three months counting from the date of distribution of the proposal.

In the event of the dissolution of AFSEC, the AFSEC Management Committee shall appoint a qualified liquidator to carry out the liquidation of AFSEC's assets and settlement of its liabilities, in accordance with the decisions of the Council.

The liquidator shall ensure full settlement of tax obligations, outstanding debts, contractual commitments, and any other legal liabilities.

Upon completion, the liquidator shall prepare a comprehensive liquidation report, including financial statements and asset disposition records, to be submitted to the AFSEC Management Committee. The report shall be subject to independent audit before being presented to the Council for final approval.

Any remaining assets shall be disposed of in accordance with the dissolution plan approved by the Council .

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Abbreviations

In the context of the present statutes and rules of procedure and for their application, the members agree to adopt the applicable international forms of the following abbreviated terms:

1. **ACAC:** AFSEC Conformity Assessment Committee
2. **AFRAC:** African Accreditation Cooperation
3. **AFREC:** African Energy Commission
4. **AFRIMETS:** Intra-Africa Metrology System
5. **AfCFTA:** African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA)
6. **AFSEC:** African Electrotechnical Standardisation Commission
7. **AFUR:** African Forum for Utility Regulators
8. **AMC:** AFSEC Management Committee
9. **ARSO:** African Organisation for Standardisation
10. **ASMC:** AFSEC Standards Management Committee
11. **ATC:** AFSEC Technical (Study) Committee
12. **ATU:** African Telecommunication Union
13. **AUC:** African Union Commission
14. **ACAC:** AFSEC Conformity Assessment Committee
15. **AMC:** AFSEC Management Committee
16. **APUA:** Association of Power Utilities of Africa
17. **ATC:** AFSEC Technical Committee
18. **ASMC:** AFSEC Standards Management Committee
19. **CENELEC:** European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation
20. **Cigre:** International Council on Large Electric Systems
21. **COMESA:** Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
22. **DLMS:** DLMS User Association
23. **EAPP:** East African Power Pool
24. **EgyptERA:** Egyptian Electric Utility and Consumer Protection Regulatory Agency
25. **ExCo:** Executives Committee
26. **GA:** General Assembly
27. **IEEE:** Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
28. **IEC:** International Electrotechnical Commission
29. **NC:** National Committee
30. **PAQI:** Pan African Quality Infrastructure
31. **PEAC:** Pool Energétique de l'Afrique Centrale
32. **PRESA:** Power Institute of East and Southern Africa
33. **PTB:** Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt
34. **RCREEE:** Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
35. **RECs:** Regional Electrotechnical Committees
36. **SAC:** Standardization Authority of China
37. **SADCSTAN:** South African Development Community
38. **SAPP:** Southern African Power Pool
39. **WAPP:** Western African Power Pool

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Northern Region

Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia.

Southern Region

Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Eastern Region

Burundi, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

Central Region

Cameron, Central Africa Republic Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon.

Western Region

Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo.