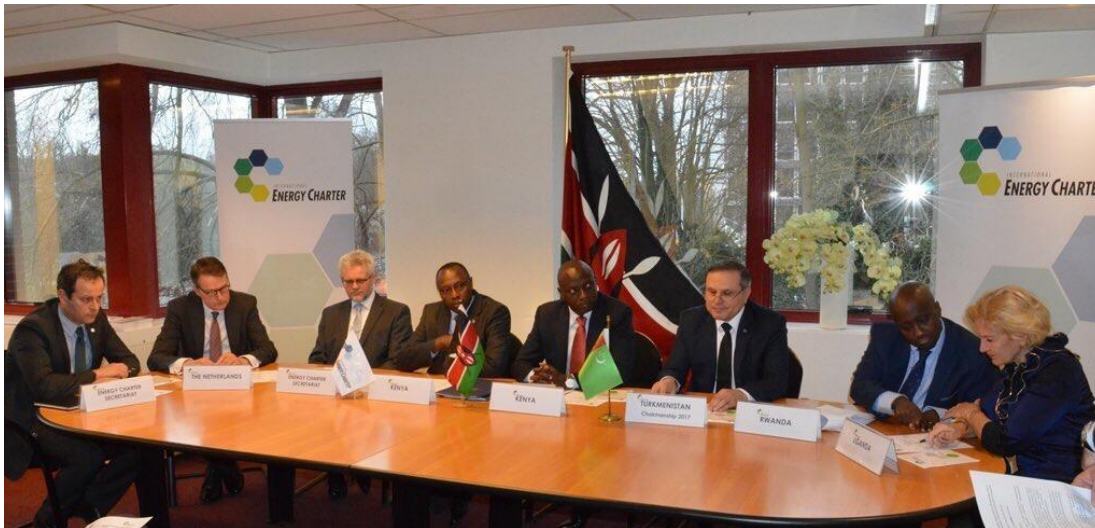


# A new International Energy Charter open to Africa

## Experience from Swaziland and Uganda

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Kenya's signing of the International Energy Charter, 20 March 2017

From left to right: Dr. Ernesto Bonafé, Energy Charter Expansion Coordinator; H.E. Wepke Kingma, Ambassador of the Netherlands; Dr. Urban Rusnák, Energy Charter Secretary General; H.E. Johnson Weru, Ambassador of Kenya; Honorable Minister Charles Keter, Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum of Kenya; H.E. Ata Serdarov, Ambassador of Turkmenistan; H.E. Olivier Nduhugirehe, Ambassador of Rwanda; and H.E. Mirjam Blaak, Ambassador of Uganda

The 2015 International Energy Charter is an intergovernmental declaration to reinforce the political commitment to create an investment friendly climate. This commitment has been expressed so far by more than 80 countries. The European Commission has supported the participation of several African countries in the Energy Charter Process through:

- 1) capacity building of African civil servants to deepen their knowledge on market-based principles for investments and;
- 2) policy dialogue with national authorities to seek opportunities through their further engagement in the International Energy Charter process.

### Introduction

- **Mr Felice Zaccheo**, Head of Unit DEVCO C6

### Presentations

- **Mr Ernesto Bonafé**, Expert – Regulation, Energy Charter Secretariat
- **Mr Usamah Kawgga**, Senior Energy Officer, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development of Uganda
- **Mr Mzwandile Thwala**, Senior Energy Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy of Swaziland

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