



**Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy
of the Kingdom of SWAZILAND**

Stakeholders Consultation Workshop

ACCESSION TO THE ENERGY CHARTER TREATY

Royal Villas, Ezulwini, Swaziland

12-13 September 2017

Introduction

The International Energy Charter was signed on 16 December 2015 in Brussels by H.E. Mr. Joel M. Nhleko, former Ambassador of the Kingdom of Swaziland to Belgium. The International Energy Charter, which so far has 86 signatories across the world (twenty from Africa), is a declaration expressing the political commitment to provide a stable and transparent framework in the area of energy investment promotion and protection, cross-border trade and transit, and energy efficiency. It has no legal or financial implications. Its aim is to enhance a level playing field and the rule of law.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy, led by H.E. Hon. Senator Jabulile Mashwama, designated in 2016 a Senior Official, Ms. Candy Stromvig, for a 3-month secondment to the Energy Charter Secretariat in Brussels in order to prepare the three accession reports to accede to the legally-binding 1994 Energy Charter Treaty. Indeed by signing the ECT, the Kingdom of Swaziland will upgrade its current observer status to contracting party. This will enhance the attractiveness of the investment climate and will entitle the country to fully participate in the design of a global energy architecture in the areas covered by the ECT.

On the other hand, the Senior Official Mr. Mzwandile Thwala prepared, during his secondment to the Secretariat in Brussels in 2017, a report on the Draft National Energy Efficiency Policy. The secondment and the organisation of this workshop have benefited from a collaboration programme with the European Commission, Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation, particularly through the EU Technical Assistance Facility for the SE4All Initiative.

Ms. Stromvig and Mr. Thwala, together with experts from the International Energy Charter, will present the work undertaken so far. The workshop objective is to gather comments, questions and input from stakeholders on the three ECT Accession Reports, and the study on the Draft National Energy Efficiency Policy, in order to finalise, publish and disseminate the reports. This will allow the Kingdom of Swaziland to make a well-informed decision on acceding to the ECT.

Tuesday 12 September 2017

9.30 – 10.00 **Opening and Introductory Remarks**

Mrs Winnie Stewart Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy

Mr Vuyile Dlamini ,Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms Ariane Labat, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation in Swaziland

Mr Ernesto Bonafé, Coordinator for Expansion, International Energy Charter

10.00 – 12.30 **ECT Accession Report on Investment Climate**

Mr. Ernesto Bonafé, Expert, International Energy Charter

Ms. Candy Stromvig, Senior Energy Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy

Coffee break

Q & A and stakeholders' presentations

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14:00 – 16.30 **ECT Accession Report on Harmonisation of Laws and Regulations**
Mr. Ruslan Galkanov, *Expert*, International Energy Charter
Ms. Candy Stromvig, *Senior Energy Officer*, Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy
Coffee break
Q & A and stakeholders' presentations

Wednesday 13 September 2017

9.00 – 10.30 **ECT Accession Report on Energy Efficiency**
Ms. Sarah Keay-Bright, *Expert*, International Energy Charter
Ms. Candy Stromvig, *Senior Energy Officer*, Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy
Q & A

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 **Energy Efficiency Policy for the Kingdom of Swaziland**
Ms. Sarah Keay-Bright, *Expert*, International Energy Charter
Mr. Mzwandile Thwala, *Senior Energy Officer*, Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy
Q & A

12.30 – 12.45 **Conclusions and recommendations**

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch