



REGISTRATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Power Institute for East and Southern Africa (PIESA) is a voluntary regional electricity industry association established on 28 February 1998 to facilitate and coordinate the sharing of information and technology in the specialized areas of:

- Technology and engineering support;
- Applied research;
- Standardization; and
- Technical development and training.

The PIESEA aims to be the catalyst for sustainable regional technological cooperation in expanding the electricity distribution industry for regional growth and development by:

- Encouraging participation by all regional electricity distributors and supporting industries;
- Compiling, optimizing and maintaining integrated information systems for technology related to the distribution of electricity including technical equipment specifications and codes of practice that are appropriate for the regional environment;
- Providing a mechanism for continuously capturing the experiences of members in order to improve efficiency;
- Encouraging the use of local resources and manufacture of equipment for use in the distribution industry;
- Promoting applied research in areas that are relevant to the effective performance of members;
- Fostering a culture of technology transfer and skills development among the members; and
- Developing strategic alliances and partnerships with other related organizations involved in or with the electricity distribution industry.

Technical Working Groups

Four technical Working Groups form the core of the PIESA: Electrification, Environmental Management, Non-technical Loss Reduction, and Standardization, each under the leadership of a Convenor.

Electrification:	The Working Group is responsible for gathering information on low cost electrification practices in the region and, where possible, and making recommendations for improvements and the most appropriate approaches to the situation and the country concerned.
Environmental Management:	The Working Group is responsible for the development of guidelines and programmes to facilitate policy formulation, training and skills development, and communication about research on environmental issues of common interest.
Non-Technical Loss Reduction:	The Working Group's overall objective is to investigate and evaluate technology developments and management practices to establish practical recommendations for the reduction of non-technical losses.
Standardisation:	The Working Group identifies areas in which standardisation of commodities or manufactured goods or designed systems could be undertaken for application, with advantages, in East and Southern Africa. Although standard specifications are developed where a need is indicated, the Working Group's overall objective is to encourage the adoption of other standards as harmonised regional standards through SADCSTAN ¹ .

PIESA Governance Structure

Overall policy and direction are provided by a Board of Directors comprised of representatives from each power utility member. Board members must attend at least two Board meetings per year.

The technical Working Groups consist of representatives nominated by the members, as required, to undertake specific work in their areas of expertise. The Convenors of the respective Working Groups are appointed by the Board. Working Group members are required to participate in at least two meetings per year of their respective Working Group.

Administrative and management support to the Board and the Working Groups is provided by the Secretariat.

¹ Southern African Development Community Cooperation in Standardisation: the regional body whose mandate is to promote regional cooperation in the development of harmonized standards and technical regulations in support of the objectives of the SADC Trade Protocol.

Funding

Funding of the PIESA is obtained primarily from membership fees, voluntary contributions, grants, and loans. The costs associated with participation in Working Groups are carried by the member utilities and organisations.

Membership Categories and Eligibility

PIESA has the following categories of membership:

Full Members are for organisations that:

- (a) Generate, transmit, distribute or buy and sell electricity; or
- (b) Represent an organisation contemplated in (a).

Affiliate Members are organisations or individuals with an allied interest to the PIESA, and would include, *inter alia*, manufacturers and suppliers of services or equipment to the electricity distribution industry, researchers, consultants and financiers.

Membership of the PIESA is open to the electricity industry. The number of members from time to time shall not be limited, but shall at no time be less than five (5). Membership shall be obtained by paying the prescribed contributions as stipulated in Article 14.2 following the acceptance of the application by the PIESA Board. Membership may not be assigned or transferred to any other person, company or concern.

Benefits to Members

Benefits to members include:

- Access to and participation in the development of standards for the electricity distribution sector;
- Sharing of information, technology and skills and, in particular, experiences gained from pilot projects and local solutions to recurrent problems experienced in the region, implementation of new technologies;
- Networking with like-minded organizations, joint research activities and access to information from international research organizations e.g. IERE², EPRI³, SAPURAB⁴;
- Influence the development of standard specifications appropriate for the region through active involvement in the Working Groups;
- Coordination with like-minded organizations e.g. SADCSTAN, UPDEA⁵ towards the common goal of harmonised standards;
- Participation in training activities, exchange programmes and development projects;
- Participation in regional workshops and conferences, and networking with strategic decision-makers in the electricity industry;
- Opportunities for market growth and economies of scale for regional manufactures and suppliers of equipment and services.

² Electric Power Research Institute

³ Electric Power Research Institute

⁴ South African Power Utilities Research Advisory Board

⁵ Union of Producers, Conveyors and Distributors of Electrical Energy in Africa

Rights of Members

All rights of members are defined in Article 7.4 of the PIESA Constitution.

Full Members have:

- Full voting rights at every level of the PIESA;
- Right to participate in the Working Groups;
- Access to all outputs of the PIESA unless otherwise determined by the PIESA Board;
- Participation of staff in PIESA training initiatives;
- Primary influence in defining activities and priorities of the PIESA; and
- Access to information and websites of leading regional and international organisations e.g. AMEU⁶, EPRI⁷, IERE, UPDEA, SADCSTAN, SAPURAB⁸.

Affiliate Members have:

- Right to participate in Working Groups;
- Voting rights in technical Working Groups in which the members have participated;
- Access to appropriate outputs of PIESA, as decided by the Board; and
- Participation of staff in training initiatives as decided by the Board.

Termination of Membership

In accordance with Article 7.5 of the PIESA Constitution:

- Membership shall be terminated upon receipt by the PIESA Board of notice in writing to this effect from the member concerned.
- The PIESA Board shall be entitled to terminate a membership where in the Board's opinion that member has behaved in a manner which is inconsistent with membership of the PIESA, provided that the member concerned shall be entitled to make personal representations to the Board prior to it making its decision.

Membership Fees

Annual subscriptions for Full Members are the registration fee rate plus a pro-rata based on annual energy sales of the difference between the annual budget approved by the Board and that collected from the registration fee rates, and VAT where applicable.

Annual subscriptions for Affiliates are fixed at the registration fee rate, plus VAT where applicable.

All membership fees are due and payable on the first day of the financial year being 1 March. Membership fee categories and amounts are indicated above. Payment and bank details are given on all PIESA invoices.

⁶ Association of Municipal Electricity Undertakings Southern Africa

⁷ Electric Power Research Institute

⁸ South African Power Utilities Research Advisory Board

In addition, full members of the PIESA are billed an amount of the shared cost of education and training as approved by the board.

As the company is registered in South Africa, the rate is converted to Rands ZAR

****An individual affiliate is applicable to a single person not a company.***

Registration

To enrol for membership, please complete the attached registration form and return by fax, post or e-mail to the PIESA Secretariat:

P O Box 868 Ferndale 2160, South Africa

Tel: +27 (0)11 061 5000

Fax: +27 (0) 86 679 4500

E-mail: piesaservices@vdw.co.za

www.piesa.co.za



MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION APPLICATION

1. **Company/Individuals Name:** _____
2. **Registration Number:** _____
3. **VAT Registration Number:** _____
4. **Physical Address:**

5. **Postal Address:**

6. **Company Telephone:** _____
7. **Main Representative:**
 - a) **Name and Title:** _____
 - b) **Telephone:** _____
 - c) **E-mail:** _____
8. **Billing Contact:**
 - a) **Name and Title:** _____
 - b) **Telephone Number:** _____
 - c) **E-Mail:** _____

I/We wish to register for membership as:

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| National Utilities | <input type="checkbox"/> | USD 6,500.00 |
| Local Utilities | <input type="checkbox"/> | USD 3,200.00 |
| Government Agency (REA) | <input type="checkbox"/> | USD 1,500.00 |
| Affiliate – Multinational | <input type="checkbox"/> | USD 1,500.00 |
| Affiliate – Regional | <input type="checkbox"/> | USD 750.00 |

I/We will submit nominations for membership of the following Advisory Committees:

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| Electrification | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Environmental Management | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Revenue Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Standardisation | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Representative Contact:

- a) **Name and Title:** _____
- b) **Telephone Number:** _____
- c) **E-Mail:** _____

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I hereby agree to assist wherever possible the goals and aims of the PIESA and to abide by the conditions of membership.

Signed by

Date

Print Name: _____

Witness: _____