

TIS Africa –Update and future plans

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Abstract

The Power Institute for East and Southern Africa (PIESA) is a voluntary association with a particular focus on the electricity distribution industry (EDI) with the aim to improve electrification in East and Southern Africa through sharing information, research, technology, skills and experiences. Priority areas identified to date have been in the areas of applied research, equipment standardisation, low cost electrification, reduction of non-technical and revenue losses, environmental management, technology and skills development.

PIESA's Vision and Objectives have a long-term horizon, and the strategy to achieve it is an incremental process.

The PIESA has established an identity amongst both public and private stakeholders in this region of Africa.

PIESA is now regarded as an important building block in the efforts of the African Union (AU) and its support structures such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and regional economic communities (RECs) towards the integration and rebirth of Africa, and the experience gained to date has demonstrated that the PIESA has the potential to play a key role in the Subcontinent's development.

IERE have entered into a partnership with PIESA to provide technical and financial support to achieve these objectives.

This paper is a progress report and plan for the future.