



# **ESTABLISHMENT OF ERERA'S CONSUMERS COMMITTEE**

**NOVEMBER 2013**

## JUSTIFICATION

Involving all stakeholders in the market in the process of decision-making and to create joint ownership of decisions taken by the Regulatory Council of ERERA.

## Legal Basis

**Article 22 of the Regulation C/REG.27.12/07 of 15 December 2007 on the Composition, Organisation, Functions and Operations of ERERA.**

ERERA shall establish consultative committees as follows:

A Consultative Committee composed of representatives from national regulatory authorities and representatives of the National Directorates in charge of power sector;

A Consultative Committee comprising representatives of operators;

A Consultative Committee composed of representatives from consumers of electricity of ECOWAS.

## **Actions to date (1)**

- The Regulators Committee and the Operators Committee have been established during the second forum of ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulation on 22 and 23 November 2011 in Abidjan, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.
- The Regulation establishing these committees, which determines their powers, their operation and the rules of procedure, was adopted by the Regulatory Council on December 14, 2011.

## Actions to date (2)

- Election of Inaugural Chairmen of the Committees
- Adoption of the Terms of Reference
- Consultation and feedback on various ERERA activities including:
  - Implementation of the roadmap
  - Validation of the regulatory studies
  - Organization of the regional market
  - Development of the market rules

## REGULATION No ERERA/REG.002/11 ESTABLISHING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The Consumers Committee shall compose of one representative elected by the electricity consumers' association of each Member State of ECOWAS under the supervision of the national regulator or the National Directorate in charge of the power sector where no regulator exists.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSUMERS COMMITTEE

1. Provide a forum for general discussions on issues related to consumer interests.
2. Opinions on community issues affecting the protection of consumer interests.
3. Advice and guidance to ERERA when setting its policies and activities which affect consumers.
4. Inform ERERA of developments in consumer policy of the Member States.
5. Act as a sounding board and information for Community action

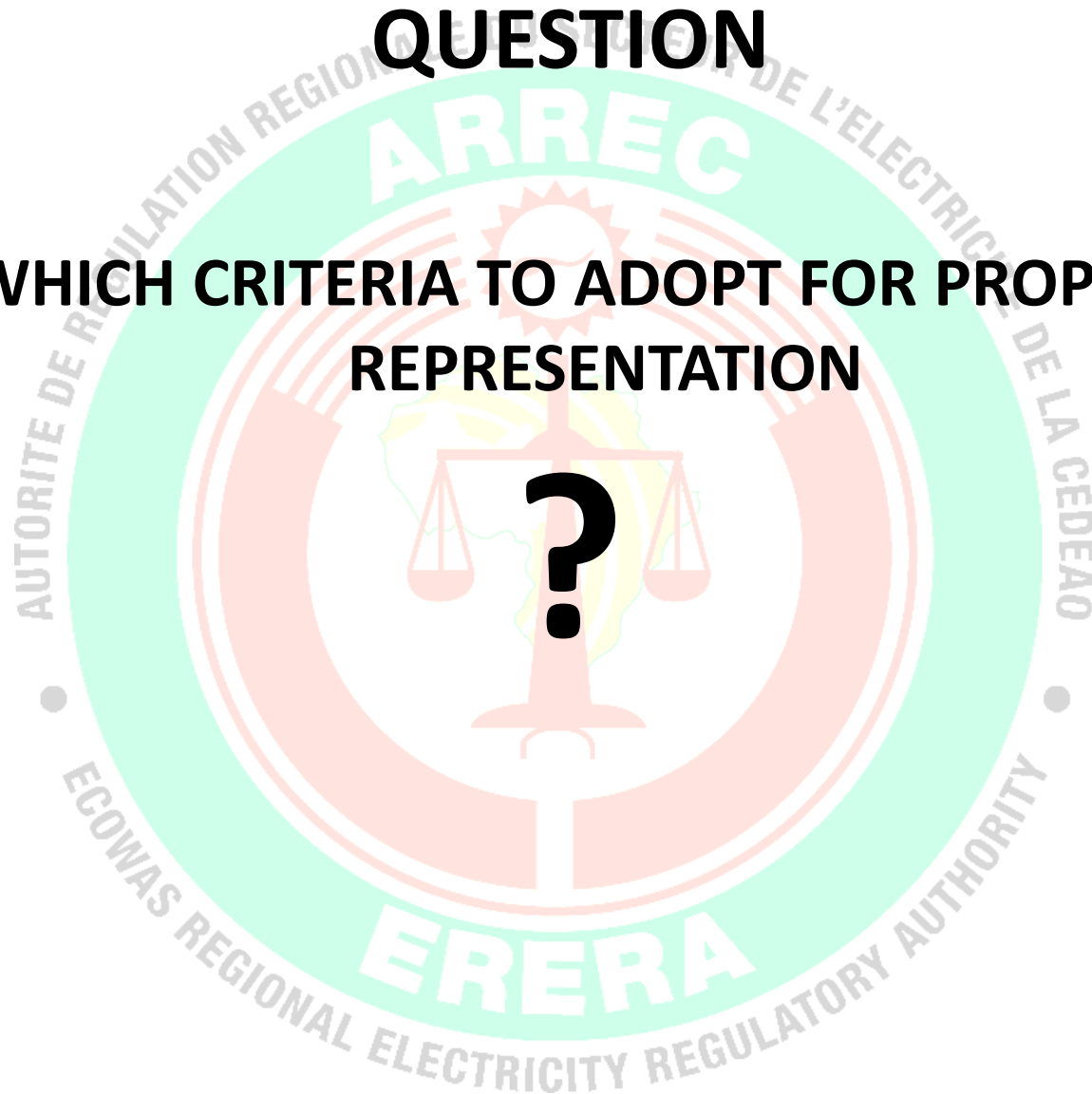
## CHALLENGES

Divergence between representatives of common interests of consumers and users and industry representatives, utilities and government for everything that relates to consumption



# QUESTION

**WHICH CRITERIA TO ADOPT FOR PROPER  
REPRESENTATION**



**FOURTH MEETING OF ERERA CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES  
19 November 2013, Kairaba Hotel, Banjul, THE GAMBIA**



**THANK YOU**

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