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# IRENA WORKSHOP Africa Clean Energy Corridor

# The Strategic Network Development for Connection of RE IPPs In South Africa

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# STRATEGIC GRID PLAN FOR SOUTH AFRICA

# (2040 Transmission Network Study)

# The Different Development Plans in South Africa

#### **Integrated Resource Plan**

- <sup>7</sup> The Department of Energy (Energy Planner) is accountable for the Country Energy Plan as per the published regulations.
- <sup>"</sup> The Country Plan is also termed the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).
- <sup>(7)</sup> The Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is intended to drive all new generation capacity development.
- NERSA licences new generators according to this determination.

#### **Strategic Grid Plan**

- The Strategic Grid Plan formulates long term strategic transmission corridor requirements
- <sup>"</sup> Plan is based on range of generation scenarios, and associated strategic network analysis
- Horizon date is 20+ years
- <sup>"</sup> Updated every 3-5 years

#### **Transmission Development Plan**

- Transmission Development Plan (TDP) presents transmission corridor requirements
- Plan covers a 10 year window
- Updated annually
- <sup>"</sup> Indicates financial commitments required over 10 year period



The location of the future generation to supply the load demand growth is uncertain which means long term strategic studies must be done to determine the required transmission network needs for the future.

#### The 2040 Transmission Network Study was undertaken to:

- Adapt to the uncertainty of future load and generation
- Identify the critical power corridors and constraints on the transmission network
- Unlock and create a flexible and robust grid to be able to respond to the changing future needs of the country

The 2040 Transmission Network Study was undertaken to determine the development requirements of the future transmission grid to accommodate the expected load demand needs and the potential impact of future generation scenarios using the <u>2010 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)</u> as a baseline.

# 2040 Tx Study – Generation Spatial Allocation

# Eskom

# Transmission to enable the IRP requires Spatial Information



#### Generation Energy Resources for Electricity



#### However there is uncertainty in

- Where is the location?
- What is the size?
- What is the type?



# Mapping the Demand and Generation



#### **Demand Balance change into the future**





### Summary of Strategic Tx Grid Study



#### **Tx 2040 Study – Future Main Corridors Overview**



#### LOAD CENTRES

Eskom

Gauteng & Central areas

KZN East Coast areas

#### **POWER POOLS**

2 <u>Concentrated</u> areas in the North

1 large *Dispersed* area in the South

#### MAIN POWER CORRIDORS

3 from the North . two already secured

3 from the South . only one partially secured



# THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN POWER POOL (SAPP)

## Interconnection with the SAPP

- <sup>"</sup> South Africa (Eskom) part of Southern African Power Pool (SAPP)
- " SA has large potential of RE in south of country
- Neighbouring countries to the north also have RE potential, but biggest potential is hydro power
- " SA is a dry country . very limited hydro potential
- <sup>"</sup> Challenge with RE is intermittency of supply
- <sup>"</sup> Best solution is wide spread of connection and combination of types
- " Opportunity for SAPP is sharing of resources
- Eskom proposing a long term goal of increased interconnection to allow export of RE excess in SA to allow banking of hydro to the north
- <sup>"</sup> In times of low RE output the hydro power is imported

## The SAPP Network



# **Interconnection with the SAPP – Next Steps**

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- <sup>"</sup> Mapping of RE and other resources
- <sup>"</sup> Policy for energy planning for each country . especially on imported power
- Master Plan for each country
- Matching of needs and availability

#### **STATUS**

- <sup>"</sup> Measurement of water resources and RE potential started
- Interconnection options identified and studies initiated on some
- Supply and demand assessments per country required as input for new SAPP development plan
- Master Plans being prepared



# **THANK YOU**