

REGIONAL POWER TRADE COORDINATION COMMITTEE (RPTCC)

The Regional Power Trade Coordination Committee (RPTCC) is the high-level body established by the Inter-Governmental Agreement on Regional Power Trade (IGA) (signed in November 2002), to actively coordinate the successful implementation of regional trade and to represent the countries involved in regional power trade.

Per Article 4 of the IGA, the first interim RPTCC is composed of national representatives to the current Electric Power Forum. The RPTCC shall report to the GMS Ministerial Level Conference and the respective national governments through the Ministers for electricity or electricity policy as appropriate. The RPTCC shall have independence in management of its operations for purpose of achieving its main objectives.

The Role of the RPTCC. The first task of the RPTCC shall be to determine more precisely the first steps to establish and implement of regional trade arrangements, which they shall submit to the GMS countries (as Parties to IGA) for endorsement. This should include a plan to accomplish the following:

- i) Provide to the Parties a final draft of the Regional Power Trade Operating Agreement (PTOA) which will specify the rules of regional power trade;
- ii) Provide to the Parties a recommendation for the overall policy and day-to-day management of regional power trade, including the necessary bodies for coordination;
- iii) Establish the short, medium and longer term initiatives which need to be pursued on a priority basis in order to achieve the objectives of regional power trade within a specified timetable; and
- iv) Identify necessary steps for implementation of regional trade, including means for financing.

The RPTCC has established the **Focal Group (FG)** in January 2006 to coordinate the implementation of the RPTCC activities in each GMS country. The FG was the first institution created for the implementation of the Regional Power Trade Operating Agreement (PTOA).

The RPTCC has established the **Planning Working Group (PWG)** in June 2006, which is the first sub-group created to carry out priority activities of the RPTCC, such as determining training requirements, and setting pricing rules and technical standards.