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THE 8TH HYDROPOWER FOR TODAY FORUM: HYDROPOWER PROMOTES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA, 6-7 NOVEMBER 2018, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

Dear Distinguished Representative,

We have the pleasure to announce that the global hydropower promotion event, the 8th Hydropower for Today Forum, will be held in Lusaka, Zambia on 6 – 7 November 2018. The forum, whose theme is 'Hydropower Promotes Industrial Development in Africa', will be co-organized by the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the International Center on Small Hydro Power (ICSHP), Hangzhou, People's Republic of China.

The objective of this year's Forum is to promote the "Belt and Road" initiative, inclusive and sustainable industrial development, and realization of the UN's 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the African Union's Agenda 2063 which provides robust framework for developing Africa to be an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa. The Forum will be co-hosted by Ministry of Water Resources, People's Republic of China; Zambian Ministry of Energy; Zambian Ministry of Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection; and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

The Hydropower for Today Forum began in 2005 and has been in operation for 14 years. It provides a platform for international experts from all over the world to focus on the issues of small hydropower. This is done through the triangular-cooperation-method which involves cooperation among international organizations, developing countries and developed countries. The Forum is an important platform for countries to share experiences, and to seek cooperation and common development.



The following key stakeholders are also co-organizers of the Forum:

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| a. Ministry of Science and Technology of Nigeria; | h. Global Water Partnership Africa; |
| b. Ministry of Energy of Madagascar; | i. African Development Bank (AfDB); |
| c. Ministry of Energy and Petroleum of Kenya; | j. China-Africa Business Council (CABF); |
| d. Ministry of Water and Irrigation of Tanzania; | k. China Africa Industrial Forum; |
| e. Ministry of Energy and Minerals of Tanzania; | l. bases of ICSHP. |
| f. Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt; | m. Rural Electrification Authority, Zambia; and |
| g. World Water Council; | n. ZESCO limited, Zambia. |
| | o. World Water Council (WWC) |
| | p. South-South Development Center (SSDC) |

It is expected that the Forum will focus on the following discussion topics:

- a. hydropower exploitation and industrial development of Africa;
- b. developing and financing issues for hydropower projects in Africa;
- c. South-South cooperation and renewable energy development in Africa; and
- d. international standards of small hydropower and green small hydropower development.

We now invite for abstracts of up to 500 words to be submitted which must be written in English and should be written on the themes listed or related topics. Please send completed abstracts to the email address provided below along with a short curriculum vitae (CV) of each author who has worked on the paper. Your abstracts should summarize precisely the scope and content of the paper proposed and in the case of any project described, please mention its current status. Please email the abstract as a Word File, using the author's name(s) as the file name. Please note that abstracts should only be submitted if the author(s) will be able to attend the Forum (or send a representative). The deadline for the submission of abstracts is the 10th October 2018, the follow-up full papers of up to 6000 words will be required by 25 October 2018, and further formatting guidelines will be sent to all authors whose papers are accepted. Please send abstracts to the address: forum8@icshp.org.

For registration to join the event please fill out the online registration form and attach your cover letter at <http://hydropowerfortoday.comesa.int/registration-form/>. Please note, all costs of the event including travel and lodgings will be expected to be covered by the participants.

We look forward to meeting you in November 2018.

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Chileshe Mpundu Kapwepwe
Secretary General
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