Workshop

Product Registration Systems as a Tool to Transform Markets in Eastern Africa
to energy-efficient lighting, appliances and equipment

Organized by:

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3-5pm Kampala, Uganda time
Online platform: Microsoft teams, **register to and join the meeting here**

Context and Aim of the Workshop: A recently conducted market assessment by EACREEE and U4E has shown that today many inefficient products circulate in the markets of Eastern Africa. These products consume unnecessary large amounts of electricity and are responsible for causing an added strain on the electricity grid. A key tool to transform the markets to energy-efficient products are Product Registration Systems. Without Product Registration Systems a market cannot be monitored to what is really sold on the ground. In other words, policies, such as Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS), can be implemented but if there is no surveillance of the products imported and sold, these policies are not effective on the ground. This workshop aims to raise awareness on the tool and inform participates on the need for, and benefits of, Product Registration Systems. Moreover, possibilities for implementing a system, such as through an available and free of charge prototype, are presented.

Targeted Participants: Representatives from Ministries and public organizations, such as Energy Ministries, Customs, Trade, Regulatory offices. Private sector, such as producers, retailers and importers of lighting, appliance, and equipment. Interested stakeholders from the region, such as from universities. International organizations and representatives from projects working on the topic of energy-efficiency.

Agenda (total duration of 85 mins)	
5 min	**Opening** • Patrick Blake, Programme Officer, UNEP-United for Efficiency (U4E) • Canon Goddy Muhanguzi Muhumuza, Interim Executive Director of East African Centre of Excellence for Renewable Energy and Efficiency (EACREEE)
15 min	**Introduction to Product Registration Systems and its Benefits** • Madeleine Edl, Energy Efficiency Specialist, U4E
10 min	**Current Status of Lighting and Appliances in Eastern Africa** • Fred Ishugah, Sustainable Energy Expert, EACREEE
10 min	**South Africa National Product Registration System for Appliances** • Theo Covary, South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI)

15 min	**Available Resources and Tools for Countries that wish to implement a Product Registration System** • Live walk through the U4E Prototype, Madeleine Edl, U4E • Additional resources and support, Saikiran Kasamsetty, Energy Efficiency Specialist, UNEP-U4E
25 min	**Panel discussion on the benefits of Product Registration Systems in East Africa** • Fred Ishugah, EACREEE • Madeleine Edl, U4E • Martine Uwera, Ministry of Energy, Rwanda - tbc • Theo Covary, South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI) • Q&A of the audience Moderated by: Patrick Blake, UNEP-U4E
5 min	**Closing** • Madeleine Edl, Energy Efficiency Specialist, UNEP-United for Efficiency (U4E) • Canon Goddy Muhanguzi Muhumuza, Interim Executive Director of East African Centre of Excellence for Renewable Energy and Efficiency (EACREEE)