

**CIGRE Study Committee C6,
« Distribution Systems and Dispersed Generation »**

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ADVISORY GROUP

Advisory Group No: C6.17	Name of Convenor : Adriaan Zomers
Title of the Group: Advisory Group on Rural Electrification	
<p>Background: Access to electricity is still lacking for some 1.6 billion people in developing countries, most of them living in rural areas. Unfavorable technical conditions (long distances, low load densities, low average unit loads), limited government resources, and low affordability to pay for the energy are among the barriers for a more widespread access to electricity. However, to help improving the living conditions of the target group and to support local socio-economic development, the reduction of energy poverty is a prerequisite. To that end many organizations including national governments, utilities, donor agencies, multi-lateral development banks, universities, NGOs and local entrepreneurs are developing and implementing programs to improve access to modern energy services. Though new technical and financing solutions are being developed, it is clear that much is still to be done. Consultations with and cooperation between stakeholders is needed to (i) identify needs and gaps in know how, (ii) avoid duplication of activities, (iii) explore opportunities for cooperation.</p> <p>Scope: The Advisory Group will advice and support the chairman and the Study Committee on specific aspects of the electrification of rural and remote areas, including the coordination and management of activities.</p> <p>To that end the Advisory Group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the specific subjects to be addressed. • Consult with other organizations regarding possible cooperation, joint studies and events. • Prioritize subjects eligible for studies by workforces. • Prepare draft Terms of Reference for workforces. <p>The Advisory Group will consist of four to five members familiar with the subject, with CIGRÉ, and with other relevant organizations such as development banks, educational institutes, manufacturers and the donor community.</p>	
<p>Deliverables: In addition to written recommendations and Terms of Reference, the advisory group will prepare an annual report about its activities well in advance of the annual meeting of the Study Committee.</p>	
<p>Time Schedule: The advisory group is established for initially a 6 (six) year period.</p>	
Approval by TC Chairman:	Date: