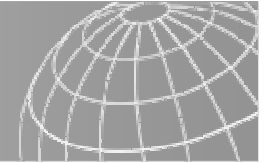


RCREEE

A Regional Initiative to Promote Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency

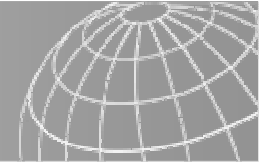
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What is RCREEE ?

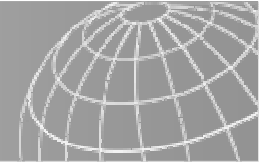
- RCREEE stands for « Regional Centre for Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency »
- RCREEE is an independent regional policy think tank, based in Cairo, dedicated to the promotion of renewable energies (RE) and energy efficiency (EE) in the MENA region, focusing on:
 - the formulation and promotion of policies
 - research and development
 - the enhancement of private sector participation.



Who are the driving forces behind RCREEE ?

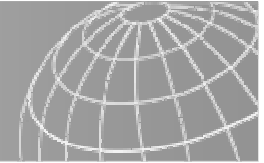


RCREEE has ten founding members from the MENA region. The set up is sponsored by Egypt (also the host country), Germany, the EU and Denmark.

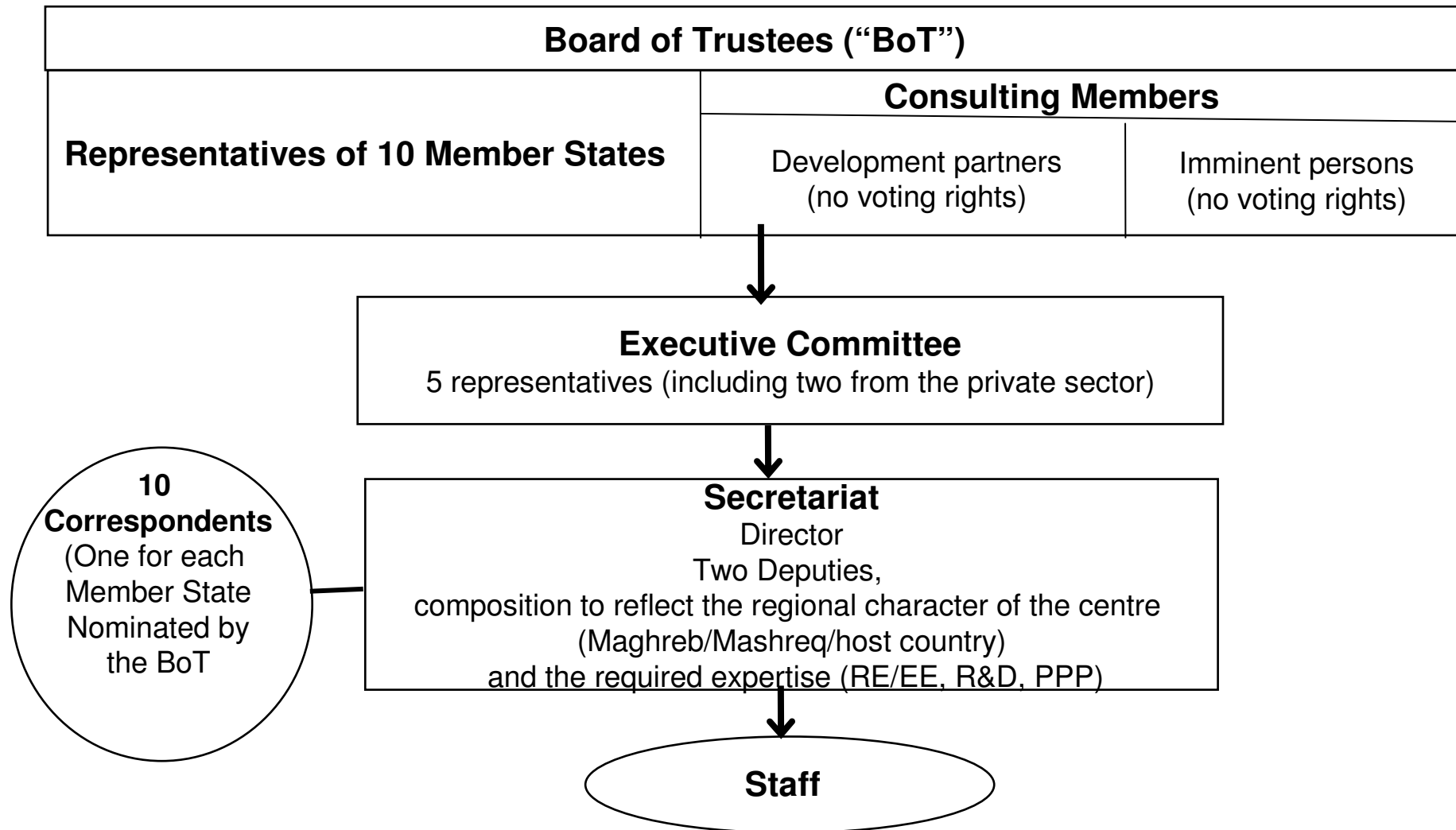


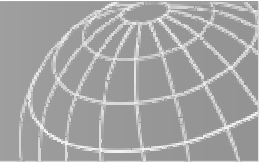
Why do we need RCREEE ?

- Renewable energies and energy efficiency are high on the political agenda throughout the MENA region:
 - energy security;
 - climate change;
 - industrial development.
- In spite of the different economic and social conditions in the MENA region, the countries often face similar challenges:
 - inadequate or missing regulatory framework for RE;
 - missing or wrong incentives (energy subsidies).
- Politics in the past have developed in insulation; there is no functioning regional policy platform.



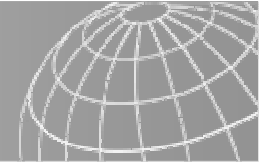
The organizational structure of RCREEE





Renewables in the MENA Region – what matters in connection with the Solar Plan

- Implementation problem: the natural conditions are excellent, the technology is there.
- The implementation problem can only be overcome with the help of private financing.
- The private sector will invest if a project promises a predictable and secured, profitable return.
- This depends on off take obligations, typically provided by feed in laws with guaranteed prices (e.g. regulatory regime in Germany, Spain) or other incentives (quota obligations, e.g. UK).
- EU member states can support this by opening their feed in laws to electricity from RE sources in the MENA countries.



Thank you for your attention.
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