THE 1\textsuperscript{ST} CALL FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOW OPEN UNTIL 15 NOVEMBER 2019

In the SADC region, renewable energy entrepreneurs are at the forefront of efforts to extend access to modern energy services as they are often the best placed to offer tailor-made local solutions. Such entrepreneurs, however, face serious challenges including business management and operations, as well as bringing their innovative ideas to fruition.

To overcome some of these challenges and strengthen the capacity of SADC-based renewable energy (RE) entrepreneurs the International Renewable Energy and Agency (IRENA) and the SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE) established the Renewable Energy Entrepreneurship (Technical) Support Facility in SADC Region in April 2017.

Since its establishment, the Technical Facility held a workshop in Mauritius in November 2017 to identify the challenges and ways of addressing them in supporting entrepreneurship development in the region, providing finance to enterprises as well as RE projects, managing perceived risks and training on RE project appraisals.

SADC-based entrepreneurs are invited to submit their applications for technical support in the following areas:

- Refining renewable energy project proposals in order to reach bankability.
- Enterprise development through the Facility’s mentorship and training programme.

\textit{Women entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply.}

The applications will go through a selection process and the successful applicants will be contacted.

**Deadline:** 15 November 2019

**Submission:** Please submit your applications using the Application Template to; energy@sacreee.org. Only electronic submissions using the Application Template will be entertained.

*Please not that this is a Technical Support Facility. NO financial assistance will be provided.*