# Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)

Introduction

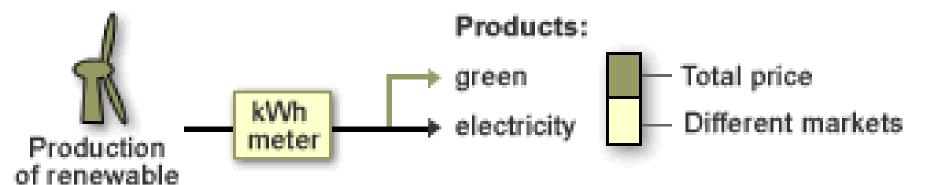
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### **RECs**

REC = Renewable Energy Certificate

electricity

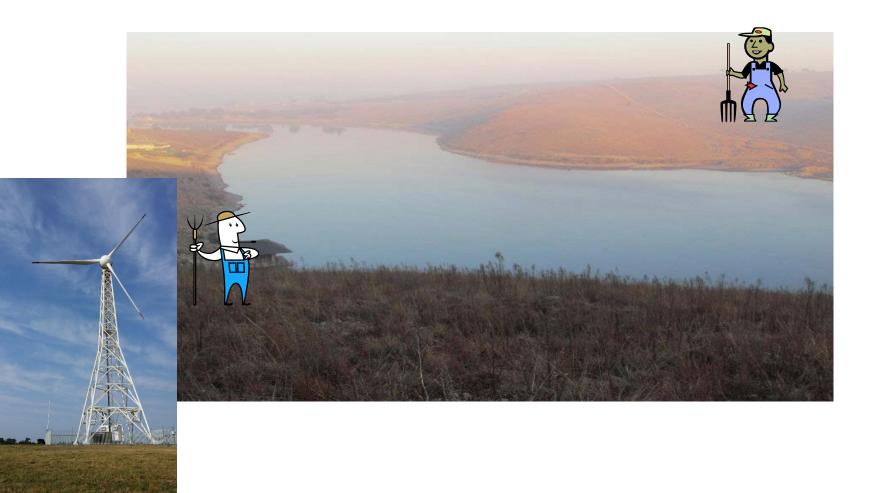
 In practice, RECs are electronic records that verify the origin of energy from registered renewable energy facilities.



Essential: Green character and electricity are separated

Source: EC 2000

### How would one farmer sell a bucket of water to another?



## **Timeline**

Pilot Project (WSSD) 2002 Working group on feasibility (DoE) May 2007 RECSA Constitution & zaRECs Pty (Ltd) 2011











Voluntary
market
association
(TRECSA)
&
Interim
Issuing Body
2005

Business plan for SA Issuing Body (DoE) Dec 2009

## **Current Market**

- Voluntary greening market
  - Events
  - Projects and programmes
  - Premises and facilities
- Export potential
  - Interaction with international standards
- RECs for Carbon Offsets
- Monitoring of policy measures
  - be it support or obligation
  - Green power physical trading license verification SA
- 2019 Issuance 249 804 MWh
- A tool to underpin market stimulation CHOICE

#### **REC Redemption Statement**

This Redemption Statement acts as a receipt for the redemption of the Renewable Energy Certificates listed below and for the purpose shown.

Account Holder	SANEDI	Account Number	30XSANEDIW		
	152 Ann Crescent	Registry Redeemed from	RECSA		
Address of Account Holder	Sandton		Country Code 27		
	South Africa		South Africa		
Total of Redeemed Certificates	7	Total number of MWh represented	70 (Seventy)		
Redemption Date	2018-01-12	Redemption category	Disclosure		
		Beneficiary	Switch Africa Green (30XSWITCHE)		
		Redemption purpose	Offset of Greenhouse gas emissions related to the SWITCH Africa Green project titled 'Sustainable Energy Consumption and Production in Agriculture and Integrated Waste Management, which ran in South Africa from November 2016 to January 2018.		

Production Device ID	Energy Source	Domain of Origin		Public Support		ort	Additional Remarks by the Issuing Body	
000000270000000038	Biomass: Agricultural co-product	South Africa			None			
From Certificate ID	To Certificate ID		Certificat	es	MWh	Production Period from / to		Issue Date
00000027000000003812752144638		644		70	70	2017	-04-28 19:00 To 2017-04-29 03:00	2017-12-05



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#### RENEWABLE ENERGY LABEL

This certifies the issuance and redemption of:

13 RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES

000000252127030133787 To 000000252127030133799

REPRESENTING 13 MWH OF GREEN ELECTRICITY GENERATED FROM

DOORNKOP COMMUNITY CENTRE PV

BY KELIANA MANAGEMENT COMPANY AGAINST GREENING OF ELECTRICITY FOR

CITES COP17 WORLD WILDLIFE CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 2016

zaRECs administers the SA voluntary REC market on behalf of RECSA







#### RENEWABLE ENERGY

This certifies the issuing, transfer and redemption of

20 RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES
NRS. 0010712730144534 TO 0010712730144533
Representing 20 MWH of green electricity generated from hydro power at skiedenheim micro-hydro plant in Myumalanga

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FOR THE GREENING OF ELECTRICITY FOR SWITCH AFRICA GREEN PROJECT STEERING COMMUTER MEETINGS 2016/7







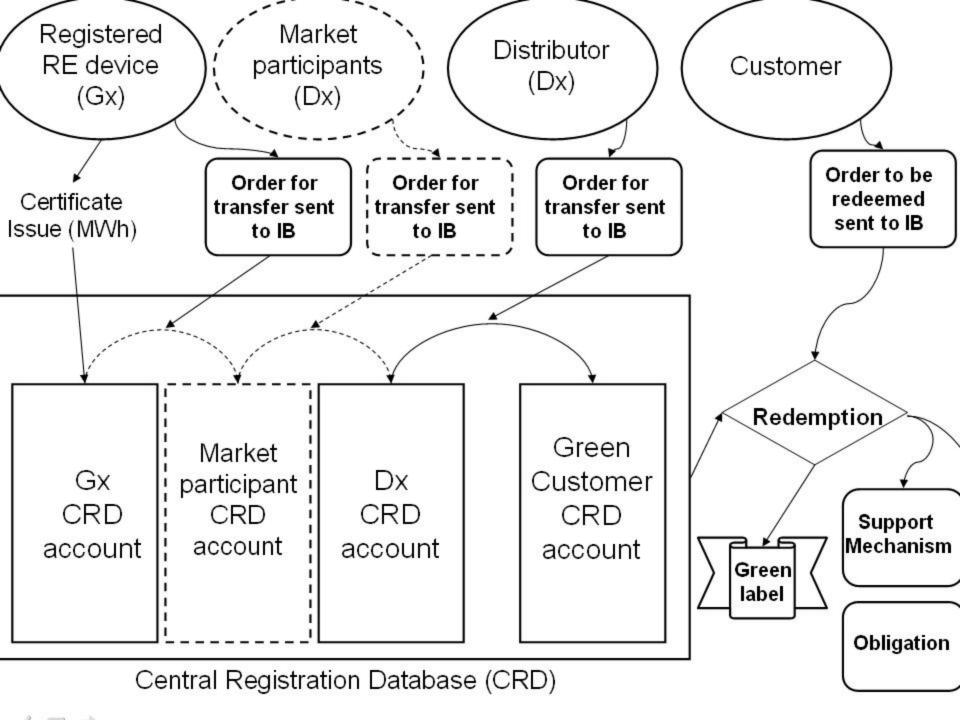


## Different revenue streams

- Physical power
- RECs 'green' attributes
  - Attributes include:
    - Local environment (local action for local benefit/avoided damage)
    - Public good (benefit) job creation, economic stability,
    - Other externalities avoided morbidity
    - Small is profitable, diverse is robust.
- Emissions reductions
  - Market-based reduction of Scope 2 GHG emissions
  - Eligibility in Carbon Offset Accounting System forseen

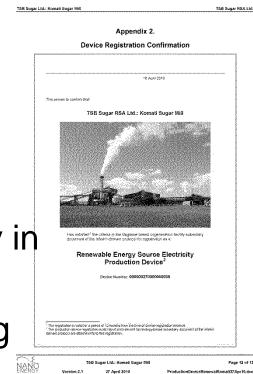
## REC system process

- Device registration by renewable energy declaration.
- Certificates are issued upon production
- Record of transfer between market participant accounts and redemption is retained by the Issuing Body (IB) not financial details of transaction
- Certificates are redeemed when they are no longer available to be traded.
- They are redeemed:
  - prior to green labelling in voluntary markets (products, events or general disclosure of environmental performance)
  - in claiming production-based support
  - in proof of compliance with purchase or supply obligations
  - upon international export (transfer to intl. customer's CRD account or cancellation and ex-domain issuance)

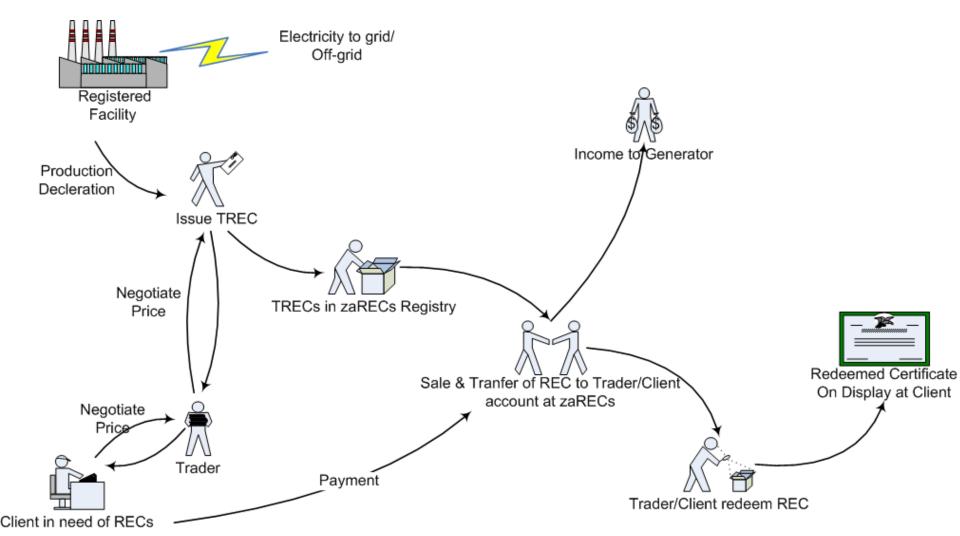


# How to get going with RECs

- Apply for Device Registration
  - Under existing Protocol
  - Request specific Protocol to be developed
- Device Audit to follow
  - Validation of generation technology in line with Protocol
  - Validation of metering and reporting
- RECSA registration of the device



# Trading in RECs



Governance Body of Market Participants

# RECSA NPO Operating as Issuing body

Production Registrar (PR) to verify production device's compliance

Auditing Body (AB) to audit the continued fulfilment of conditions for RECSA registration.

Central Monitoring Office (CMO) to operate the CRD: zaRECs

## Recent developments

- Scope 2 GHG Protocol Market Approach
  - Price and volume discovery
- RECs for Carbon Offsets Pilot update
- Device and redemption account uptake
- RECSA determinations on eligibility and fungibility
- RE100 and CDP disclosures along with South African Carbon Tax drive demand beyond supply for the first time since inception.









## Thank you.

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