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MEETING PROPOSES MODALITIES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS COMMITTEE

Members of the Consultative Committees of Regulatory Authorities and Operators of the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA) ended their joint one-day meeting with proposals for the establishment of a Consumer Committee, to complete the number of ERERA's Consultative Committees.

The proposals included the types of consumers concerned, eligibility criteria and selection mechanisms for consumer representatives.

According to the ERERA Regulation on the Establishment of Consultative Committees, the Consumer Committee will be composed of a representative elected by electricity consumers' associations in each ECOWAS Member State under the supervision of the national regulatory authority, or the National Department responsible for the power sector in Member States, in the absence of a regulator.

The Regulators Committee and the Committee of Operators were established in November 2011 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, while the regulation on their set up, attributes, functions and rules of procedure was adopted by the ERERA Regulatory Council in December 2011.

The meeting elected the Director General of Cote d'Ivoire's regulatory authority, ANARE, as Chairman of the Consultative Committee of Regulators, while the Director of Transport of the regulatory body for Benin and Togo, CEB, was elected Chairman of the Consultative Committee of Operators.

Participants were treated to various presentations, including those on the status of implementation of the ERERA road map, methodology and data collection mechanisms, as well as the principles for the regulation of clean energy.

They were also briefed on the Directive on the organization of the ECOWAS regional electricity market. The Directive defines the general principles governing the regional electricity market within the framework of the ECOWAS Energy Protocol.

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