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ERERA, ECOWAS MEMBER STATES ACTIVE AT AFRICAN REGULATORS' CONFERENCE

The Chairman of the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA), El Hadj Ibrahima Thiam, and delegations from the electricity regulatory bodies of seven ECOWAS Member States actively participated in the 11th African Forum for Utility Regulators, AFUR, which ended on Thursday, 8th May 2014 in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Member States are Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo.

With the theme, 'A Decade of Infrastructure Regulation on the African Continent : Experiences, Challenges and Prospects', this year's conference and Annual General Assembly was to review the progress made in regulatory practices by member organizations in energy, telecommunications, transport, and water & sanitation industries.

This year's conference, which brought together some 150 participants including some 60 member organizations, served as a platform for the exchange of experiences and ideas aimed at regulators, operators and researchers, among other stakeholders involved in utility regulation on the African continent.

It also helped to promote cooperation and exchange of information amongst the regulatory bodies and observers which were represented at the conference.

Participants were treated to a panel discussion on the conference theme, as well as a presentation on performance assessment of regulatory agencies in Africa's energy sector over the last decade.

Based on the report of a recent study by AFUR researchers, the study covers 20 African energy sector regulatory agencies over the period 2000 to 2013.

Selected member organizations made presentations, including - Developing Countries: Cost Reflective Tariffs versus Protection of the Poor; Managing the Challenges of Financial Viability and Quality of Service; The Regulation of the Electricity and Gas Distribution Sector; and High Level Generation Maintenance Space Indicator.

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Others included the Role of Asset Management Planning for Sustainable Water and Sanitation Services; Regulation of Urban Water Services: A Panacea to the Enormous Problems of Urban Water Services, as well as the Electricity Supply Industry and Impact on the Regulatory Environment.

Conference participants were also specially invited to the Fifth ERERA Forum which will be hosted by the Autorité de Régulation du Secteur de l'Electricité du Burkina Faso (ARSE) - the electricity regulatory authority of Burkina Faso on 13th and 14th November 2014 in Ouagadougou.

Participants to the 5th Forum will be drawn from the energy sector of ECOWAS Member States, including the Ministries in charge of Energy, national regulatory authorities, utility companies, parliamentarians, academics, researchers, consumer groups, the media and other civil society organizations.