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## **Integrated Management System, ECOLink, to be Launched at ERERA in Accra**

The Chairman of the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA), El Hadj Ibrahima Thiam, will launch the ECOLink project for the institution on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015 at the City Escape Hotel, near the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration Accra, Ghana.

The ECOLink project is a modernized management system with various parameters, including automated payment transactions that permit electronic processing of requisition, vetting of documents, quotations from vendors, technical evaluation and purchase orders. The project was initiated by the ECOWAS Commission to harmonize and improve business processes across all ECOWAS institutions and agencies. It has been adapted for ERERA, taking into account its peculiar needs.

According to ERERA Chairman, El Hadj Thiam, some of the significant advantages of the project for ERERA include streamlining time-consuming business processes, improving control over documents, reducing paper work and easing access to information.

In addition, ECOLink will enable ERERA to integrate applications that access standardized enterprise data for all ECOWAS institutions, agencies and offices.

A team of experts, led by the ECOWAS Commissioner for Finance, Mrs. Khadi Ramatu Saccoh, have been providing assistance to ERERA on the ECOLink project, which will also “go-live” for ERERA on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015.

The “go-live” at ERERA will be the last in a series of local launching of the project at ECOWAS institutions, agencies and offices across the region.

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