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ERERA Signs MOU with National Electricity Regulator of Benin

The Chairman of ERERA, Professor Honore Bogler, has formalized the partnership between ERERA and the Electricity Regulatory Authority of Benin (ARE) with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Beninese national regulator at the end of their two-day meeting on 7th March 2018 in Cotonou, Benin.

The Chairman of Benin's national electricity regulator, Mr. Claude Gbêdonougbo Gbaguidi, signed the document on behalf of his organization at the meeting, after fruitful discussions between officials of ARE and ERERA.

The meeting was in preparation for the Sixth ERERA Regulatory Forum as well as the launch of the Regional Electricity Market scheduled to take place in June 2018 in Cotonou.

In his remarks during the visit, Professor Bogler expressed gratitude to the national electricity regulator of Benin for accepting, at short notice, to host the sixth ERERA Forum following the withdrawal of Ghana, which was initially selected to host the event.

The ERERA chairman expressed confidence in ERERA's "dynamic partnership" with ARE and said that the region would benefit from the support of the Beninese authorities for the success of the scheduled activities in June 2018.

These activities include a meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Energy as well as a meeting of ERERA's Joint Consultative Committee of Regulators and Operators. Both meetings will precede the launch of the regional power market.