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Eastern African Power Pool, Independent Regulatory Board to Visit ERERA

A 13-member joint delegation of the Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP) and the Independent Regulatory Board (IRB) will pay a two-day study visit to the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA) from October 4, 2022 in Accra, Ghana.

The visit is part of a study tour to ECOWAS institutions including the Energy Directorate of the ECOWAS Commission in Abuja, Nigeria and West African Power Pool (WAPP) based in Cotonou, Benin designed to facilitate knowledge transfer and build the capacity of the members of the delegation through first-hand knowledge and experience in the process of establishing a functional regional energy regulatory institution.

The delegation will focus on legal and regulatory issues, institutional governance, as well as operational and market aspects of regional energy markets.

More specifically, the visit will enable members of the delegation to learn from and share experiences in the development of regional energy markets, particularly the establishment of regulatory structures for such markets.

It will also allow them to learn from the ECOWAS systems' experience of instituting appropriate policy dialogue, structures and instruments to mobilize consensus and commitment at the highest levels of Member States to achieve regional power sector objectives.

In addition, members of the delegation are expected to learn how ERERA and other ECOWAS energy institutions are organized to provide effective regulatory oversight for the regional energy market.

They are also expected to understand the benefits of establishing and empowering a regional energy regulator such as ERERA, particularly in facilitating regional energy projects and cross-border trade.

ERERA and the Independent Regulatory Board are established on the 24th of February 2005 expected to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen their relations.

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Established in February 2005, the Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP) is a 13-member Inter-Governmental Organization with headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Independent Regulatory Board serves as its regulatory organ.