

Joint press release

British and Moroccan energy regulators announce closer ties as part of global collaboration to pick up the pace on the path to net zero

On 24 February 2022 in London, the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) of the United Kingdom and the National Electricity Regulatory Authority (ANRE) of the Kingdom of Morocco signed a Joint Statement of Intent to Cooperate, which aims to strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two regulators.

The Joint Statement of Intent to Cooperate falls within the framework of the incoming bilateral strategic partnership on climate action, clean energy and green growth, which has been agreed in December during the third UK-Morocco Strategic Dialogue and the inaugural meeting of the UK-Morocco Association Council.

In March 2021, ANRE and Ofgem had their first bilateral exchanges, where both regulators welcomed opportunities for closer collaboration regarding energy market regulation. In the lead up to COP26, ANRE and Ofgem partook in regular consultative discussions leading to launch, in Glasgow with 18 other regulators from around the world, the Regulatory Energy Transition Accelerator (RETA), a platform for global collaboration between regulators to increase the pace of the energy transition in order to reach climate goals.

Post-RETA, ANRE and Ofgem continued their bilateral discussions focusing mainly on interconnector's regulatory regimes in both countries. These discussions affirmed that both regulators have mutually beneficial dialogues on the regulatory framework that can best enable an effective decarbonisation of the energy system through an exchange of knowledge and expertise.

Ofgem Chair Martin Cave, said: "The transition to net zero is an absolute imperative for us all. Working with our partners across the globe is crucial to achieve our decarbonisation goals and so I am delighted that we have formed such a close alliance with our colleagues in Morocco's National Electricity Regulatory Authority."

ANRE Chair Abdellatif Bardach, welcomed the Joint Statement of Intent to Cooperate as a key milestone of energy transition bilateral cooperation. He said: "Being fully cognizant of the importance of interconnections for the development of the national energy market, ANRE is looking forward to working together with Ofgem on this matter and take a major step towards our common goal of promoting the deployment of Renewable energy sources and moving towards decarbonisation of the energy system."