



PRESS RELEASE

In the dynamics of the cooperation reinforcement between the Kingdom of Morocco and the United States, ANRE and NARUC organize a Peer-to-Peer Forum on energy regulation

The National Electricity Regulatory Authority (ANRE) and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) jointly organized the first activity of the Energy Regulatory Institutional strengthening program, launched under the auspices of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), in the form of a Peer-to-Peer Forum on the Evaluation of Electricity Transmission Investment Plans, from 7th to 9th February 2023 in Rabat.

The opening ceremony was led by His Excellency Mr. Puneet Talwar, Ambassador of the United States in Morocco, and Mr. Abdellatif Bardach, President of ANRE, who look forward to this opportunity to further strengthen ties between the Kingdom of Morocco and the United States.

His Excellency Mr. Talwar, stressed that "today, the United States and Morocco are expanding their partnership in the field of energy regulation and are committed to act together to fight climate change while ensuring energy security." He closed his remarks by commending the Kingdom's efforts in renewable energy for a clean and sustainable energy future.

The President of ANRE said in his opening remarks, that the opportunities presented today in the Kingdom are the result of the farsighted vision of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, may God Assist Him, and the unwavering commitment of the Kingdom to implement the national energy strategy to accelerate the energy transition in a sound regulatory framework. Mr. Abdellatif Bardach also stated that this partnership will allow ANRE to keep an eye on new developments in the field of energy by engaging with all stakeholders and taking a proactive and forward-looking approach to regulation.

The forum was attended by regulatory experts from the various U.S. states to share their experiences with the Authority through an exchange of best practices and lessons learned on the fundamental aspects of evaluating transmission investment plans in an efficient and autonomous manner. ANRE and NARUC are further committed to working together to promote effective regulation and support reforms in the Moroccan energy sector.

NARUC is a non-profit organization that represents the regulatory commissions of public utilities, such as energy, telecommunications, electricity, water and transport, of the 50 member states. NARUC's primary mission is to support the work of these commissions and ensure that they have the necessary resources and support to serve the public interest.