



Press release

Electricity Sector: National Regulator Assesses Progress and Vision in Parliament

Rabat, June 21, 2023 – Mr. Abdellatif Bardach, President of the National Electricity Regulatory Authority (ANRE), participated in a study day organized by the Commission of Infrastructure, Energy, Mines, and the Environment of the House of Representatives in Rabat on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. The event focused on the theme: "The Production, Transport, and Distribution of Energy in Morocco and Their Contribution to Socio-economic Development."

In his speech, Mr. Bardach first highlighted the significant progress made by the Kingdom of Morocco in the energy sector, specifically in electricity. Under the visionary leadership of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, may God assist him, this sector has become a driving force for socio-economic development while enhancing Morocco's international influence. While Mr. Bardach's presentation primarily focused on opportunities and future prospects, he also highlighted the major achievements that have placed Morocco at the forefront of the global energy transition and among the leaders of future energies.

"Our country's unwavering commitment to an energy system dominated by renewables in all its forms will undoubtedly have profound and structurally beneficial socio-economic and geopolitical impacts. However, this direction entails tackling large-scale challenges to achieve our objectives and fulfill our ambitions," stressed Mr. Bardach.

Subsequently, the President of ANRE identified four major challenges that need to be addressed and established as pillars. These include strengthening electricity transmission and distribution networks to support the increasing production of renewable energy, ensuring the constant supply of users despite the intermittent nature of renewables, guaranteeing fairness and impartiality towards electricity network users, and ensuring the security, stability, reliability, and efficiency of the national electricity network. Additionally, the strengthening of the legal and regulatory framework is crucial to ensure the competitiveness and attractiveness of Morocco in the face of the substantial investments required.

In its two years of operation, ANRE has made significant progress, laying the foundational blocks for the future of Morocco's energy sector. The Authority successfully operationalized the first ever Code of the National Electricity Transmission Network (Grid Code) in the country's history, which came into effect on 3rd January 2022. Furthermore, on 21st December of the same year, the Authority established the methodology for determining the tariff for the use of the national electricity transmission network. This ongoing project is a crucial milestone in the modernization of Morocco's electricity sector and will pave the way for the separation of production and transmission activities of the National Office of Electricity and Drinking Water (ONEE).

ANRE is also diligently working to finalize other significant projects in the near future. These include the development of a Code of Good Conduct for managing the electricity transmission network and the implementation of quality indicators for the same network. Additionally, the Authority is taking a proactive approach by prioritizing technologies that will stabilize and accelerate the energy transition, such as green hydrogen. Green hydrogen serves as a crucial link between renewable electricity and the potential of clean gases in the national and global energy mix. In this regard, ANRE affirms its leadership by spearheading the "Task Force" dedicated to Green Hydrogen within the Association of Mediterranean Energy Regulators (MEDREG), an association that is chaired by Mr. Abdellatif Bardach.