



Press release

Morocco elected as President of the French-speaking Network of Energy Regulators

<u>Rabat, the 22 of November 2023 -</u> The President of the National Electricity Regulatory Authority (ANRE), Mr. Abdellatif Bardach, was appointed head of the French-speaking Network of Energy Regulators (RegulaE.Fr), at the outcome of its General Assembly which was held this Wednesday, the 22 of November in Rabat.

The torch of the presidency was handed over to Mr. Bardach by his predecessor, Mr. Simon Turmel, Manager of the "Régie de l'énergie du Québec" during a solemn ceremony.

"It will be a great honor for me to continue and enhance the efforts of my predecessors while bringing new perspectives and ambitious initiatives to respond to the challenges of our time and the challenges of our profession. There is no better way to pay tribute to my counterparts than to insist on taking action. This will be a valuable opportunity to carry the voice of the Kingdom of Morocco and serve my country by assuming these new functions. The consolidation of our concrete achievements in the field of renewable energies will also be a priority, in particular by mobilizing for the effective implementation of energy interconnections," declared Mr. Abdellatif Bardach during his inauguration.

It should also be noted that Mr. Bardach also chairs the Association of Mediterranean Energy Regulators (MEDREG).

This recognition is only the fruit of the Kingdom's credibility with international organizations and associations. It is also a recognition of Morocco's tireless efforts in the fields of electrical energy and renewable energies, in accordance with the High Royal Vision of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, may God Assist and Glorify Him.

This new investiture comes at a time when ANRE is hosting the RegulaE.Fr Workshop and General Assembly on November 21 and 22, 2023 in Rabat, in partnership with the European Commission with the participation of 160 personalities from 21 countries, headed by the presidents of the regulatory authorities of the African countries members of the Network. This international meeting has as its central theme: "Energy interconnections and regulation for cohesive regional integration".





<u>About RegulaE.FR:</u>

The French-speaking Network of Energy Regulators (RegulaE.Fr) was created on November 28, 2016 in Paris with the aim of bringing together regulators sharing the French language within the same network in order to facilitate exchanges and encourage collaboration between its members. RegulaE.Fr currently has 32 regulatory authorities from Africa, Europe, the Americas and Asia Pacific. The network thus promotes the sharing of information and good practices in energy regulation, facilitates technical cooperation between regulators, ensures coordination with international training programs, and works to sustain its activities through research. funding from European and international donors.

About ANRE:

ANRE is a legal entity under public law with financial autonomy and created under Law No. 48-15 relating to the regulation of the electricity sector and the creation of the National Regulatory Authority of Electricity. It is the independent regulator of electricity in Morocco, guarantor of the proper functioning of the market, it ensures in particular fair access to the national electricity transport network and the electricity distribution networks and supports the national energy transition.

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