

## SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### AREI ADOPTS ITS 2019 – 2020 STRATEGY & Appoints an Interim Technical Committee

The seventh meeting of the Board of Directors of the African Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI) was held on 10 February 2019 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the margins of the 32nd Ordinary Assembly of the African Union.

AREI is an African-led transformative initiative to accelerate, intensify and exploit the continent's huge potential for renewable energy sources.

The initiative focuses on developing integrated solutions to the challenge of expanding access to clean energy services, improving human well-being and putting African countries on the path to sustainable and climate-friendly development.

The Board of Directors took note of the organisation of all the Regional Consultations as well as the Continental Restitution meeting. The Board also took note of the holding of the first AREI Ministerial Meeting in Cairo on 22 January 2019 and adopted the holding of the ministerial meeting as a regular meeting before each meeting of the Ordinary Board of Directors. Thus the next ministerial meeting will be held in Conakry in May 2019.

The Board took note of the renewed commitment by all the partners to support the implementation of AREI, up to the objectives of 300 GW in 2030.

The Board has decided to extend IDU's hosting at the AfDB for one year (February 2020).

The Board of Directors meeting identified practical actions and concrete recommendations to enable AREI to accelerate its operationalization in order to achieve the assigned objectives.

The Board adopted the 2019 – 2020 strategy as well as the 2019 budget.

In order to achieve the objective of 10 GW in 2020, based on the recommendation of the Continent Restitution meeting held in Conakry on 30 January 2019, the Board of Directors approved the establishment of an Interim Technical Committee composed of the five focal points appointed by the Heads of State of the Board Member Countries, the Person responsible of energy at the AU, a representative of the EU and a representative of France (representing the signatories to the Paris Agreement).

The Council also approved the holding of an Extraordinary Board meeting on the margins of the Conakry Forum on energy in May 2019, specifically dedicated to the monitoring of projects and the adoption of new projects.

The Board instructed the IDU to deepen its reflections on permanent hosting using the criteria presented to it as a basis for reflection.

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With these decisions, AREI is entering its full operationalization phase and achieving its ambitious objectives of reaching 10 GW of additional capacity by 2020 and 300 GW in 2030.



*"With the support and guidance of AREI, African countries must ensure universal access to energy for the well-being of all citizens and communities by directly adopting renewable and low-carbon energy systems in the future."*



H.E. Prof. Alpha Condé President of the Republic of Guinea, AU Coordinator for Renewable Energy and Chairman of the AREI Board of Directors



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