

9TH MEETING OF THE AREI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Niamey, Niger



AREI: Chad, Egypt and Namibia propose to host Headquarters.

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI) was held on the sidelines of the 12th Extraordinary Summit of the African Union, on 7th July 2019 in Niamey, Niger.

AREI is an African-led energy transformation initiative that aims to accelerate, intensify and exploit the continent's enormous potential for renewable energy sources.

The Board lauded the unrelenting work of the Interim Technical Committee since it was established in February 2019, and reaffirmed its satisfaction following the **labelling of 69 new projects and the adoption of 104 projects** on 11 June 2019 - at the Extraordinary Board of Directors in Conakry, **for an investment amount of €3,348.34 million and a total planned capacity of 2.9 GW.**

The Board stressed on the importance for countries to submit as many projects as possible to the Interim Technical Committee to enable them present the said projects at the next Extraordinary Board Meeting scheduled to take place in New York on **24 September 2019.**

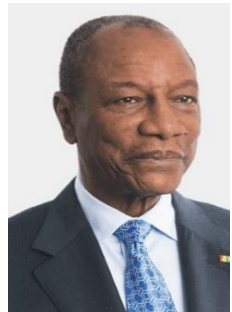
Having noted that the IDU had held Training Platforms in accordance with the 2019 work programme, the Board lauded the Unit and recommended that it continues to work as rigorously and as effectively as it had for the benefit of Africa and its people.

The Board urged African countries to massively participate in the training platforms to enable the implementation of an inclusive and tailored regulatory framework as soon as possible to achieve the continent's electrification objectives;

The Board appreciates the implementation and proper functioning of the AREI Digital Tool that allows everyone (African public sectors, development partners, private sector, civil society, NGOs) to submit in full transparency, all types of Renewable Energy projects, which enable the rapid certification by the CTI and the adoption by the Board of Directors, in order to achieve as soon as possible, the 2020 objectives of 10 GW and 2030 of 300 GW in Africa.

The Board agreed that AREI would remain an Initiative for the next five (5) years and accepted the proposals from Chad, Egypt and Namibia to host the AREI Headquarters.

«AREI is an initiative that is committed to developing integrated solutions for Africa to increase access to clean energy services, improve human well-being and put African countries on the path to sustainable and climate-friendly development.»



H.E. Professor Alpha Condé, President of the Republic of Guinea, AU Coordinator of Renewable Energy in Africa and Chair of the AREI Board of Directors.



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