



TWELFTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The twelfth meeting of the Board of Directors of the Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI) was held on September 26, 2022 in New York (United States), on the sidelines of the 77th United Nations General Assembly.

AREI is an **Africa-led transformational Initiative** which aims to accelerate, scale up and harness the continent's enormous potential for renewable energy sources.

The Initiative **succeeded its phase 1** (which had a target of 10 GW), **adopting 206 projects and achieving 10 GW of renewable energy**, 15 months ahead of schedule (December 2020).

As a reminder, AREI focuses on **developing integrated solutions** to the challenge of expanding access to clean energy services, improving human well-being, and enabling African countries to move toward sustainable and climate-friendly development, thereby helping to **combat global warming**.

The meeting of the Board of Directors achieved concrete results. The Board **approved 14 projects** throughout the continent

- **Central Africa** – 1 project (Cameroon)
- **East Africa** – 1 project (Tanzania)
- **North Africa** – 1 project (Egypt)
- **Southern Africa** – 4 projects (Mozambique - 2, Eswatini - 2)
- **West Africa** – 6 projects (Burkina Faso - 2, Cote d'Ivoire - 2, Mali - 1, Togo - 1)
- **Regional** – 1 multi-regional project (all 5 regions) - on project type "D" regarding funding instruments.

The Board unanimously agreed **to re-launch the selection of the new Permanent Head of Unit** of the Independent Delivery Unit (IDU) of the Initiative.



H.E. Dr. Hage G. Geingob
President of the Republic of Namibia
Interim Chairman of the AREI Board of Directors

Represented by:



H.E. Obeth Kandjoze
Chairperson of the Namibian Green Hydrogen Council

In accordance with the directives of the Board, the candidate must have proven qualifications in the areas of expertise relevant to AREI, and speak at least French and English.

With regards to substantive issues, the IDU indicated that during the Covid period, all programs were frozen but that since the reopening of the borders and despite this interim period for AREI, **the entire program adopted for the year 2020 has been completed to date**, and the implementation of phase 2 is in progress on the budget adopted by the Board of Directors on February 10, 2020 in Addis Ababa on the sidelines of the African Union summit.

The IDU also indicated:

- that with the support of the European Union, **the report on Phase 1 and Phase 2 perspectives is available**;
- that **the effective recruitment of its essential personnel is underway** with the support of the African Development Bank and the European Union.

These decisions allow AREI to move forward with **preparations for the launch of its Phase 2, which aims to reach 300 GW of renewable energy by 2030**, supporting African countries in their transition to clean, renewable and climate-friendly energy, while promoting economic and sustainable development.

The commitment to support phase 2 of AREI has been **confirmed by the partners involved since COP 21**, particularly France, the European Union and Germany.

The Board noted that **AREI will participate in COP 27 in Egypt**, and that **the next Board of Directors meeting will be held in Addis Ababa** (Ethiopia) on the margins of the African Union Summit in January 2023.

