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It is an honor to speak at the opening ceremony of the 11th meeting of the National Focal Institutions of the ECOWAS Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) in my capacity as Executive Director of ECREEE. It is also a privilege to address the ECREEE National Focal Points for the first time and I am pleased to recognize your commitment to promoting Sustainable Energy in West Africa.

Before continuing my remarks, I would like to thank the Minister of State, Minister of Energy and Renewable Energy for his constant support to ECREEE and I am grateful to him for hosting this meeting in Niger. My thanks also go to all of its collaborators who work closely with the ECREEE teams for the successful implementation of sustainable energy programs in the region and in Niger.

I must recognize Niger's leadership in the promotion of Sustainable Energy in West Africa. As proof, I cite the inauguration on July 5, 2023 of the Gorou Banda photovoltaic solar power plant with a power of 30 MW. as well as the pioneering role of Niger in the promotion of Green Hydrogen.

To return to the subject of today's meeting, allow me to remind you of the context of the creation of ECREEE which is the ECOWAS Specialized Agency in charge of the development of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Africa. the West.

The Ouagadougou Declaration, adopted at the ECOWAS Peace and Security Conference which took place on November 12, 2007, highlighted the need to create a regional center to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency. This declaration was followed by the adoption of the Regulations relating to the creation of ECREEE during the 61st session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers on November 29, 2008.

This followed the establishment of the ECREEE-IFNs annual meeting, the 10th meeting of which was held virtually in February 2022. The 11th meeting which opens today has a special character because it is the first which is part of the operationalization of the ECREEE Strategic Plan 2023-2027.

As a reminder, this strategic plan was endorsed by the ECOWAS-Donor Consultation Committee during its meeting on November 7, 2022 in Abuja and was adopted by the ECOWAS Energy Ministers on March 24, 2023 in Bissau. This strategic plan draws its foundations from ECOWAS Vision 2050 and is aligned with the 4 objectives of the ECOWAS Commission.

At the operational level, the ECREEE 2023-2027 strategic plan is based on 3 regional programs and 3 regional initiatives. These are the regional Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Transversal programs. As for regional initiatives, these are the ECOWAS Renewable Energy (RE) and Energy Efficiency (EE) Observatory (ECOWREX), the Annual Report on progress in RE and EE in South Africa. West and the ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Forum (ESEF).

Therefore, it is up to us to maintain these achievements but above all to intensify our action to accelerate the energy transition in our region. This is the spirit of the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan which must result in the creation of sustainable energy infrastructure

As you will have noticed, this meeting also brings together the Energy and Mines Directorate of the ECOWAS Commission, the West African Electric Power Exchange System (WAPP) and the Regional Regulatory Authority of the ECOWAS Electricity sector (ARREC/ERERA). While thanking the heads of these entities for their close collaboration, I must specify that the synergy of actions with a view to optimizing resources and efficiency of action figures prominently in the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan of the ECREEE.

I address a particular mention to the Technical and Financial Partners of ECREEE. I want to cite GiZ, Spanish cooperation through AECID, Austrian cooperation through ADA as well as UNIDO for their constant support.

While renewing my thanks to WASCAL and BMBF (German Federal Ministry of Education and Research), I must acknowledge their decisive and important support to ECREEE in the context of the promotion of Green Hydrogen in Africa. West.

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