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**Workshop on “Energy Statistics, Energy Data Collection and Construction of National Energy Balance”
Algiers, Algeria: 21-23 November 2016**

Algiers, Algeria- 21 November 2016: The African Energy Commission (AFREC) in collaboration with the International Energy Agency (IEA) and Algerian Ministry of Energy organized training workshop on “Energy Statistics, Energy Data collections and Construction of National Energy Balance”.

Mr. Atef MARZOUK, Interim Executive Director of the African Energy Commission (AFREC) thanks the government of People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria for hosting this workshop and reiterated the importance of the training workshop to the new focal points to be in the same level of information with the other national focal points.

Mr. MARZOUK, highlighted some issues concerning the energy poverty and renewable energy resources in the continent and the importance to exploit the huge renewable energy potential in the continent to increase the percentage of the energy access in the African continent.

Ms. Beatriz MARTINEZ, Head of Delegation of the team of the International Energy Agency (IEA) thanked AFREC for its invaluable work and expressed the continued support of the IEA to these training workshops.

Ms. MARTINEZ, stressed on the importance of harmonization and cooperation both at national and international level and highlighted the essential role of the energy statistics to develop sound energy policies.





Mr. Hamid DAHMANI, Director General of the strategy the representative of H.E. Nouredine BOUTARFA, Minister of Energy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria highlighted the importance of the energy statistics for development of African energy resources and appreciated the collaboration with AFREC in the implementation of the AFREC energy programme.

Mr. DAHMANI, also highlighted the importance of the energy statistics for attracting the private sector to invest at the African energy sector and announced at the end of the opening session that the workshop is officially opened

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