

**Speech of Mr. Atef Marzouk, Interim Executive Director of AFREC
at the meeting of Head of JODI Partner Organisation
Sheraton Hotel, Algiers, Algeria
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On behalf of myself and the staff of the African Energy Commission (AFREC), i would like to thankthe organizer for inviting AFREC to take part in this important meeting of Head of JODI Partners Organization.

I would also to thank the Government of the People's Democratic of Algeria for hosting this workshop and thehospitality that gives to AFRECInterimExecutive Director and his team from thearrival to venue

The African Energy Commission (AFREC) is an organ of the African Union in charge of ensuring, coordinating, harmonizing and integration of energy resources on the African continent.

AFREC was created in July 2001 in Lusaka by the African Presidents, and hosted by People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

Currently, 32 out of 54 countries ratified AFREC convention and 49 countries had signed the Convention.

AFREC was officially launched in February 17th, 2008, in Algiers, at the end of a conference of African Ministers in charge of Energy.

AFREC's mission is to "design, create and update a continental energy database and facilitate the speedy dissemination and exchange of information among member States and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in view of putting in place an African Energy Databank

AFREC are collecting energy statistics data of the African countries and create the first ever “African Energy Information System and Databases” (AEIS).

AFREC designed and created an African Energy Information System (AEIS), relied on its National Focal Points appointed by the Ministers in Charge of Energy of the African countries that collected data to feed the database

To ensure the reliability and integrity of these data, the World Energy Council (WEC), International Energy Agency (IEA) and AFREC established an energy data collection questionnaire, Called AFREC questionnaire that harmonize data collected over the entire Continent and to get the National Energy Balance. Also, IEA collaborated with AFREC to develop the capacity building of AFREC's Focal Points.

AFREC published editions of energy statistics from 2012 to 2015, with available energy data range from 2000 to 2013 and uploaded them on our Data Portal. The first edition of African Energy Statistics (version 0) was launched in November 2012 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia at the Conference of African Ministers in charge of Energy (CEMA).

In addition, the development of a number of other databases are well underway including: African Renewable Energy Resources Databases (5 database for solar, wind, hydropower, geothermal and bioenergy), African Energy Efficiency Indicators Database, African Energy Infrastructure Database, African Energy-related Socioeconomic Database and African Energy Stakeholders Database (institutions, NGO's, civil societies, academia, etc.).

AFREC will start to create the African Energy Efficiency Indicators Database in 2017 for the household sector and we'll extend the other sector gradually. 19 country focal points have been appointed and data collection is under process.

The hydropower and bioenergy Databases are already established and available on our website

AFREC will organize workshop for the new focal point on "Energy Statistics, Data Collection and Construction of National Energy Balances" in Algiers, Algeria on November 2016

AFREC attended the JODI 10th Regional Training Workshop on Oil and Gas Data collection which was hosted by the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) in Doha, Qatar 23-35 November 2014

AFREC appreciate JODI plan on extending the future capacity building efforts to focus on Africa and South East Europe regions presently mostly missing from the JODI map.

Finally, I would like to thank the organizer and all of you for involvement of AFREC at this important meeting. AFREC is indebted to all of you your care and understanding that we will collaborate on something which very important to the energy sector of Africa and its socioeconomic development.

I thank you for your kind attention