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**2019:** The African Energy Commission (AFREC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Water and energy of Cameroon and International Energy Agency (IEA) have organized the second Regional Training Workshop on Collection of Energy Statistics, Energy Efficiency data for Residential, and

Initial Step towards the Creation of an African Industrial Sector Energy Efficiency Database” as a part of the annual work plan of AFREC to build the capacity of African Member states in energy statistics that shape the policies and inform the decision makers in Africa as well as attracting the required investment.

The workshop was attended by 30 participants from 11 countries from central African countries as well as central African organizations namely (Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), African Petroleum Producers Organization (APPO), Central African Power Pool (CAPP) and Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC)).

During three days of the workshop, the focal points have benefited from hands-on training on the AFREC methodology and tools for collecting and organizing national-level energy data by different fuels and sectors of the economy. It was focus on the use of basic energy data to build complete and accurate energy balances through the use of consistent definitions and units in order to inform national energy policymakers and enable consistent regional and international reporting.

The workshop has also provided training guidance on Energy Efficiency Indicators in Residential Sector to the AFREC's National Focal Points on how to collect, validate and transmit the collected indicators data in a way compatible with international common practices in the Residential Sector. The workshop also has identified the most suitable Energy Efficiency Indicators related to the Industry Sector for Africa.

Mr. Abdoulaye Oueddo, Energy Information System Expert, representative of the Executive Director of AFREC, sincerely thank the Government of Cameroon for hosting the 2nd AFREC's workshop for the countries of central African and stated

that The African Energy data shown the vast energy resources in all African Regions which can never be developed without good energy data that drive the policies and investment.

Mr. NDJOUKE THOME Adolphe, General Secretary, representative of His Excellency Mr. ELOUMBA ESSOMBA Gaston Minister of water and energy of Republic of Cameroon stated in his opening remark that the supply of reliable, affordable and sustainable energy services is an issue in African countries and that any decision or action on energy policy should be based on a thorough prior analysis of the energy situation. This analysis requires as much data as possible to provide the analysis and the decision-maker with a clear situation.

Finally He highlighted that the organization of the AFREC workshops is certain a significant contribution to improve the availability of energy data for African Decision makers as well as give favorable occasion for fruitful exchanges of ideas and experience between the African Energy Experts.

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