



# Moroccan-German Energy Partnership PAREMA



## 1. General information

The Moroccan-German Energy Partnership (PAREMA) was established in 2012 by the signing of a declaration of intent at ministerial level. Germany and Morocco are leading the energy transition on their respective continents. Morocco has a huge renewable energy potential, particularly in solar and wind technology. Due to its geographic proximity and its interconnections with Europe, Morocco could be integrated in the European electricity market and thus enable a mutual beneficial exchange of sustainable energy supply in the long term.

PAREMA is the central platform for the institutionalised political dialogue on energy policy between both countries. It aims at moving forwards on the energy transition, in particular by supporting Morocco's efforts in this field.

A declaration of intent was signed on 19 April 2016 at ministerial level. Both countries are committed to working together for a sustainable future essentially based on renewable energy by 2050.

PAREMA's exchange and work focuses particularly on the following themes: energy production by favouring renewable energy sources, power grid interconnection and grid extension, grid stability and integration of electricity markets, involvement of economic players, and energy efficiency enhancement.

## 2. Institutional Framework

### Responsibilities and stakeholders

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) and the Moroccan Ministry of Energy,

Mines and Sustainable Development (MEMDD) are responsible for the overall coordination of the partnership.

On the German side, other key actors are the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Federal Foreign Office. Key players in Morocco are the Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy (MASEN), the Moroccan Agency for Energy Efficiency (AMEE), the National Office for Electricity and Water (ONEE), the Energy Investment Company (SIE), and the research institute IRESEN.

### Operational implementation

The two ministries BMWi and MEMDD ensure overall implementation and operational management of the energy partnership.

The cooperation structure includes a high-level Steering Committee chaired by official government representatives and public energy authorities.

Two subject-related working groups deal with the following topics:



- “Development cooperation and emission reduction strategies through energy projects”
- “Cooperation on energy policy and support to investment and research projects”

These two working groups are under the technical guidance of the respective national ministries and their supervisory authorities in Germany and Morocco. The working groups are open committees, which can welcome participants from the economy, science, civil society according to the themes and projects.

A permanent secretariat operates in the MEMDD in Rabat with the support of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in the framework of the global project of support of bilateral energy partnerships. The Secretariat supports the management of the partnership and serves as the first point of contact and information platform on bilateral cooperation in the context of the energy partnership for all interested stakeholders.

### 3. Examples of cooperation areas

- Exchange on national energy strategies

- Development of energy prospects by 2050 for Morocco
- Integration of renewable energies in systems and markets
- Opening of the market to private producers and support to private investments and cooperation

### 4. Examples of activities

- First Moroccan-German Energy day, Rabat, September 2017
- Facilitating and accompanying cooperation between the solar associations BSW and AMISOLE on institutional reinforcement and the implementation of a quality label for solar PV installations
- International Ministerial Side-Event on the energy transition and high-level panel on “Planning the Energy Transition – From Scenarios to Roadmaps” at COP-22 conference, Marrakesh, November 2016
- Economic roundtables on investment opportunities in the Moroccan energy sector (during the visit of German Federal Minister Sigmar Gabriel, Rabat, April 2016, at COP 22 in 2016, and INTERSOLAR 2017)

### Are you interested in the Moroccan-German Energy Partnership?

If you are interested in the energy partnership, or if you wish to participate in its activities or in one of the meetings of the working groups of the Energy Partnership, please contact:

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