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ABOUT THE BILATERAL PARTNERSHIP

GERMAN-MOROCCAN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

1. General information

The German-Moroccan 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.

An additional agreement was signed on April 19 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.

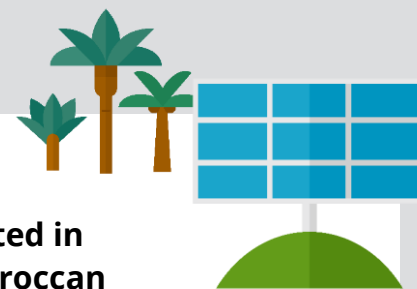
On the German side, other key actors are the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Federal Foreign Office (AA). Key players in Morocco are the Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy (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

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, attended by representatives of the economy, science, civil society depending on 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 in the context of the energy partnership for all interested stakeholders.

3. Examples of cooperation areas

- Exchange on national energy strategies
- Contributing to the development of a power-to-x roadmap
- Promotion of energy efficiency measures
- Support in developing an energy strategy 2050 for Morocco
- Opening medium and low voltage grids to private producers
- 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

- Study on potential of power-to-x in Morocco (February 2019)
- Institutional reinforcement of the solar association AMISOLE (2016-2018)
- Implementation of a quality label for installers of PV solar panels (December 2018)
- Summer School on Civil Society Participation in Energy System Transformation, to strengthen the capacities of non-governmental organizations in the energy field (July 2018)
- First Moroccan-German Energy Day, Rabat (September 2017)
- International Ministerial Side-Event on energy transition and high-level panel on “Planning the Energy Transition – From Scenarios to Roadmaps” at COP-22 conference in Marrakesh (November 2016)

Are you interested in the German-Moroccan 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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