ERERA Chairman Visits Ambassador of Cote d’Ivoire

The Chairman of the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA), Professor Honoré Bogler, led a four-member delegation to the Embassy of Cote d’Ivoire on a courtesy call on the Ivorian Ambassador to Ghana, Bernard Ehui-Koutoua, on Thursday, 21st July 2016 in Accra.

Professor Bogler who assumed duty in April 2016 as ERERA’s new Chairman disclosed that the visit was to strengthen relations between the Embassy and the institution.

He briefed Ambassador Ehui-Koutoua on ERERA’s mandate and programmes, as well as the planned launch of the ECOWAS regional electricity market towards the close of 2016. He also stated that ERERA would seek the expertise and support of Ambassador Ehui-Koutoua for the success of its activities.

The Ambassador congratulated Professor Bogler on his appointment as the Chairman of ERERA, and pledged his support to the regional electricity regulator.

He spoke of the critical importance of electricity to the development of West Africa, and in particular, the industrialization of the region. He therefore emphasized the urgent need to accelerate the development of the energy sector in ECOWAS Member States in order to speed up the region’s industrialization process.

Ambassador Ehui-Koutoua proposed the development of initiatives based on technical advice from ERERA to regional authorities.

He also expressed the hope that the Akosombo Dam in Ghana and the Soubré Dam in Cote d’Ivoire (which will be completed in 2017) would greatly contribute to an accelerated and integrated industrialization.
Ambassador Ehui-Koutoua is a former Minister of Industry in Cote d’Ivoire. He presided over the opening ceremony of the one-day maiden ECOWAS Industrial Summit, which took place on 21st July 2016 in Accra.