Legal Experts Begin Meeting to Review Guidelines and Rules of Sanctions for ECOWAS Regional Electricity Market

Legal experts from electricity regulatory bodies and Ministries of Energy of ECOWAS Member States on Tuesday, 10th October 2017 in Accra, Ghana began a three-day meeting for the first review of the Guidelines and Rules of Sanctions for the soon-to-launched ECOWAS Regional Electricity Market.

They will also consider updates on ERERA Enforcement Rules for the electricity market.

The experts are holding their inaugural meeting on the platform of the Legal and Licensing Working Group of ERERA’s Consultative Committee of Regulators, a statutory advisory organ for the ECOWAS electricity regulator.

The Legal and Licensing Working Group is one of six newly created technical working groups for ERERA, designed to assist the Consultative Committees of Regulators and Operators.

The other working groups are Strategy and Policy, Tariffs and Performance, Market Operation, Information System as well as Statistics and Benchmarking.

As part of its mandate, the Legal and Licensing Working Group will provide guidance, advice and assistance to ERERA in all legal and licensing issues. These will include litigation, dispute resolution, enforcement, sanctions, licensing and permits with the aim of enabling ERERA to efficiently regulate the cross-border trade in the regional power market.