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Dear Sir /Madam,

Within the framework of the developing electricity and renewable energy sectors in Africa, the evolution of the transmission and distribution grids and the upgrading of equipment and systems to cope with the move towards modern smart grid systems, the Egyptian Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy (MOERE) and the Egyptian National Committee of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) will be hosting two international events during the period from **5th March – 10th March 2016** at The Fairmont Hotel, Cairo, Egypt namely:

- The **second Africa Smart Grid Forum 2016** from **5th to 7th March 2016** in CAIRO, Egypt - co-organized by MOERE and African Electrotechnical Standardization Commission (AFSEC)- with the collaboration of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC) and various ministers, experts and field specialists all over the world , in addition to multinational companies in the scope of power and communication grids, smart grid technologies, different international funders with various partners and supporting organizations to ensure the success of this event .

The forum, building on the success of the first Africa Smart Grid Forum held in Abidjan in May 2014, targets decision makers, organizers, investors, experts and suppliers of solutions from various industries to share and increase experiences on:

- Smart grids as an enabler of electrification of Africa
- Technological shift towards Smart Grids
- Evolution of regulations and standards inherent to Smart Grids
- The role of renewable energy technologies and distributed generation
- Performance of the public Smart Grids for electricity distribution
- Solutions provided by enterprises and suppliers

It will help African experts and managers to build their capacities regarding Smart Grids, understand the benefits for Africa and be able to develop a strategy for African countries to develop their emerging economies. It will also give suppliers the opportunity to exhibit their equipment and share their solutions

Alongside the forum an exhibition will be organized starting from **5th to 8th March 2016** with the participation of major international companies specialized in the electricity and communication systems and smart grids.

The authorities concerned in Egypt have agreed to host and support the forum and to invite national and international companies specialized in electricity activities and industries to sponsor and support the events.



Therefore, sponsors for an event / events will be divided into categories according to their participation as follows:

(Official sponsor – Platinum sponsor – Golden sponsor – Silver sponsor – Bronze sponsor)

The scope and quantum of sponsorship will be the subject of negotiation with each sponsor.

Some national authorities are contributing in the sponsorship of the events namely; Ministries of Military Production, Investment, Environment, Industry, International Cooperation, Housing and Ministry of Foreign Affairs in addition to some embassies.

Also,

- The **fifth AFSEC General Assembly** - taking place from **8th to 10th March 2016**.

AFSEC is responsible for Identification of existing standards and prioritization of standards needs, harmonizing existing standards, through either the adoption of international standards; or where necessary their adaptation to African conditions.

These events will be under the auspices of the Cabinet of Egypt and for more information and inquiries please contact the organizers in Cairo at email: **AFSEC2016@gmail.com**

Your support for the forum and the associated exhibition will be important to the success of that event and I therefore invite your participation. You are welcome to also attend the AFSEC General Assembly.

I look forward to your positive response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KOUTOUA Claude', written over a horizontal line.

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President, AFSEC