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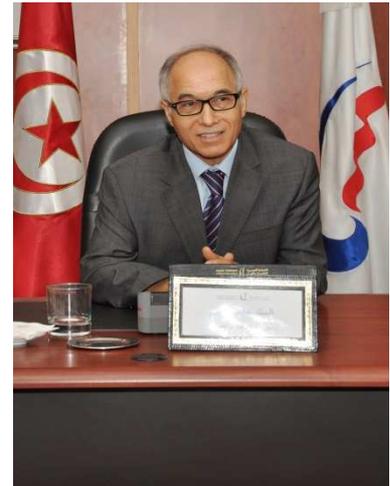
APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW PRESIDENT OF MED-TSO

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Med-TSO announced today the election of Mr. Ameer Bchir as new President of the Association, replacing the former President Mr. Nouredine Boutarfa, appointed in June as Minister of Energy for Algeria. Mr. Ameer Bchir, aged 65, of Tunisian nationality, is currently Chief Executive Officer at STEG (Société Tunisienne de l'Electricité et du Gaz) and will hold the Presidency of Med-TSO for the next 3 years.

Mr Ameer Bchir said: *“I am excited and honored to take on this role. I want say thank you to Mr. Boutarfa, for the work done so far as first President of the Association. I am also grateful to Mr Victor Baptista [from REN, the Portuguese TSO, ed.], for his constructive role as acting President of Med-TSO in these months. I hope that we will carry out our activities with the same motivation that guided us in the past and allowed us to achieve our objectives.”*

The new President has been elected unanimously by the General Assembly held in Amman (Jordan) and hosted by NEPCO, the Jordanian TSO. The General Assembly also appointed Mr. Hakki Özata (Deputy General Manager of TEIAS, Turkish TSO member) as one of the six Vice-Presidents of the Association, replacing Mr. Ibrahim Balanuye (TEIAS), who has recently retired.



After the renewal of the top management, the Members discussed the progress of the work of Med-TSO, the development of the Mediterranean Project and the future Agenda.

About Mr Ameer Bchir

Graduated as Electrical and Mechanical Engineer at the “Ecole Nationale Supérieure d’Electricité et de Mécanique de Nancy « ENSEM »” - in France, Mr. Bchir has more than 40 years of strong professional experience in the Power Sector, namely within STEG, the Tunisian Ministry of Energy and ELMED (an Italian-Tunisian joint-venture, set up for studying the possible interconnection between the two countries) and with a vast knowledge of electricity production, transmission and distribution markets. He joined STEG in 1975 and rose to become the CEO in July 2015

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About Med-TSO

Med-TSO is an Association of 20 Mediterranean Transmission System Operators (TSOs) for electricity, operating the High Voltage Transmission Networks of 18 Mediterranean Countries.

Med-TSO is engaged in facing this challenging evolution of the regional power sector by facilitating the creation of a Mediterranean energy market, through the definition of common methodologies, rules, sharing costs, risks and best practices for optimizing the operation of the existing infrastructures and facilitating the development of new ones.

Our mission is to operate a Multilateral Cooperation platform among the TSOs, aimed at facilitating the harmonized development of their transmission grids, at creating a secure, flexible and efficient integrated Power System in the Mediterranean and at fostering the creation of an integrated regional electricity market.