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Jamaica and Nigeria sign utility regulation co-operation agreement

The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) in Jamaica and the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will see both organisations exchanging information and expertise. The MOU was signed at the offices of the OUR in Kingston on Monday November 8.

Under the terms of the MOU, both parties will be engaged in regulatory study tours and internships as well as sharing regulatory best practices and the provision of technical assistance.

The agreement, which was signed by the OUR's Director General Ahmad Zia Mian and head of the Project Management Office at NERC Mrs. Ifey Ikeonu, will also be used as a platform to encourage mutual co-operation between the Organisation of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OOCUR), and the African Forum for Utilities Regulation (AFUR), being the regional regulatory associations to which both the OUR and NERC belong respectively.

The OUR has hosted several international and regional regulatory bodies on training assignments and earlier this year members from the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission were at the OUR on assignment. The OUR also this year, hosted members from the Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority.

By year end, the OUR will host two further attachments, one from the Regulated Industries Commission in Trinidad and Tobago and the other from the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority in the Bahamas.

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