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### **Subject: India organizes a Special Capacity Building Training Programme on “Cross Border Energy Trading” for Moroccan officials**

A special training programme “Cross Border Energy Trading” is being organized by Government of India for 20 Moroccan officials from Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Development (MASEN), Office National d'Electricité (ONEE), Autorité Nationale de Régulation de l'Electricité (ANRE) and Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme. The special course will be conducted by India's premier institute NTPC Business School in New Delhi from 20 April, 2024 to 3 May, 2024.

2. The ITEC programme, fully funded by Government of India, is the flagship capacity building programme of India and is based on the belief of shared growth and prosperity through South-South Cooperation. Every year, 75 Moroccan nationals participate in various ITEC courses organized in India and till date, over 800 Moroccan nationals have benefited from these ITEC courses.

3. This special ITEC course for Morocco on “Cross Border Energy Trading” has been tailored to meet the evolving needs of the energy sector and underscores India's commitment to fostering mutually beneficial partnerships with countries across the globe through knowledge exchange and skill enhancement. The course is being organized at a crucial juncture when nations are exploring innovative solutions to address energy challenges and accelerate the transition towards sustainable energy systems. By facilitating dialogue and cooperation in the energy domain, India and Morocco reaffirm their shared commitment to driving socio-economic development and promoting environmental sustainability.

4. The programme is expected to cover a wide range of topics, including regulatory frameworks, market mechanisms, technological advancements, and best practices in energy trading. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with experts, policymakers, and industry leaders, gaining invaluable insights into the intricacies of energy markets and forging lasting professional connections.

5. Ambassador of India to Kingdom of Morocco H.E Rajesh Vaishnaw hosted a reception for the participants on 24 April, 2024 ahead of their visit to India. It was also attended by

Madame Fatima Hamdouch, Executive Director of MASEN. Speaking at the reception H.E Rajesh Vaishnaw remarked, "This special ITEC programme on Cross Border Energy Trading for Moroccan officials exemplifies the spirit of South-South cooperation and underscores the strong bond of friendship between India and Morocco."

6. India-Morocco bilateral relations have further strengthened and diversified over time, particularly since the landmark visit by His Majesty King Mohammed VI to India in October 2015. Capacity Building partnership is a significant pillar of the bilateral relationship and the special ITEC programme on cross-border energy trading serves as a testament to this enduring partnership between the two nations and the boundless possibilities that lie ahead in the realm of sustainable development.

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