

## Bureau Call

5 March 2018

17:00-18:00 (Geneva time)

# MINUTES

### A. Participants:

Bureau Members:

#### *Present*

- Mr. Ray Pilcher (Chair)
- Mr. Clemens Backhaus
- Mr. C. Ozgen Karacan
- Ms. Felicia Ruiz
- Mr. Clark Talkington

#### *Apologies*

- Mr. Sergazy Baimukhametov
- Mr. Yuriy Bobrov
- Mr. Neil Butler
- Mr. David Creedy
- Mr. Hasan Erdoğan
- Mr. Milanko Savic
- Mr. Sergey Ivanovich Shumkov
- Mr. Jacek Skiba
- Mr. Igor Yashchenko
- Mr. Zhixin Jin represented by Mr. David Creedy

Secretariat:

- Mr. Michal Drabik

### B. Draft agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Update on:
  - a. Seminar on CMM in Cracow, Poland (28 February 2018);
  - b. Fact-finding mission to Colombia (tentatively scheduled for early March);
  - c. Progress of work on AMM best practice document.
3. Group's participation in the Global Methane Forum in Toronto, Canada (16-18 April 2018);
  - a. Methane session;
  - b. Joint session with the Group of Experts on CEP;
  - c. Bureau meeting;
  - d. AMM TF meeting.
4. Group's and GMI's joint participation in the World Mining Congress in Astana, Kazakhstan (20 June 2018).
5. Group's potential participation in the 9<sup>th</sup> International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development in Kiev, Ukraine (6-9 November 2018).
6. Group's potential participation in COP24 in Katowice, Poland (3-14 December 2018).
7. Any other Business.
8. Date of the next Bureau call.
9. End of the meeting.

## **1. Adoption of the agenda**

- The agenda was adopted.

## **2. Update on:**

### **a. Seminar on CMM in Cracow, Poland (28 February 2018);**

- The Secretariat reported on the seminar organized jointly with ICE-CMM in Poland that took place on Wednesday, 28 February within the framework of the School of Underground Mining (SUM).
  - The event was described as successful. There were approximately 80 participants. The offer was made by the organizers of SUM to establish a long lasting cooperation with the Group and ICE-CMM in Poland, and to organize a similar session next year.
- The Bureau received the report with satisfaction. At the same time a suggestion was made that the future sessions have more topical focus.

### **b. Fact-finding mission to Colombia**

- The Bureau discussed the upcoming fact-finding mission to Colombia. While there were some comments regarding the schedule of the planned site visits, the mission was said to be well prepared and ready to be delivered.

### **c. Progress of work on AMM best practice document**

- The Secretariat provided an update on the work on the AMM document.
  - The comments to the draft outline were received. They were compiled by the Chair of the Group and distributed to the Task Force members. Based on the feedback received, the Chair of the Task Force is to make the necessary edits and send the revised draft to the editorial group for its review and comments by 30 March. The members of the Task Force are to receive the second version of the outline by 9 April. The Bureau and the Task Force will discuss the document at a joint meeting that is to be held in Toronto within the framework of the Global Methane Forum on 16 April.

## **3. Group's participation in the Global Methane Forum in Toronto, Canada (16-18 April 2018);**

### **a. Methane session;**

### **b. Joint session with the Group of Experts on CEP;**

- A methane session is to be held on Monday, 16 April, as the first part of the 4-hour-long event organized by the Group.
- A joint session with GoE on CEP is to be held on Monday, 16 April, as the second part of the 4-hour-long event organized by the Group.
- Both sessions will take place in room 202B at the Beanfield/Enercare Center in Toronto.
- A suggestion was made to prepare short descriptions of presentations that are to be delivered at the session. They could be used in messages promoting the event that are to be sent to UNECE's and GMI's communities. The secretariat offered to request all presenters to provide it with such descriptions.
- A suggestion was made to prepare a short description of the event as a whole for the purpose of placing it at the UNECE's and GMI's websites.
- The Chair of the Group and the Secretariat offered to prepare such description.

### **c. Bureau meeting;**

### **d. AMM TF meeting.**

- A Bureau meeting will start at 10:00 with the meeting with the Ukrainian and Turkish delegates who would like the Group to organize workshops in their countries.

- At 11:00 a meeting with both ICE-CMMs is scheduled in order to track progress in their work, discuss their future activities, and facilitate cooperation between them.
- At 12:15 a joint meeting of the Bureau and the Task Force on AMM will be held in order to discuss the progress of work on the best practice document in general, and its updated outline in particular.
- At the end of the meeting, which is to close at 13:45, the Bureau will discuss all other issues that require its attention.
- All events will take place in room 202B at the Beanfield/Enercare Center in Toronto

#### **4. Group's and GMI's joint participation in the World Mining Congress in Astana, Kazakhstan (20 June 2018).**

- The Group is to deliver a one-day-long session, in coordination with the Global Methane Initiative Coal Subcommittee.
- The event is to take place on 20 June 2018 in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- A draft agenda has been developed.
- During the event the Group and GMI are to organize thematic sessions pairing international and local experts.
- Among subjects that are to be addressed are: (1) outburst control, and (2) AMM.
- Mr. Backhaus offered to contribute to the event by preparing and delivering a presentation. His offer was warmly welcomed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.
- Mr. Talkington suggested to invite Mr. Tailakov who have an extensive experience in working in coal basins in the ex-Soviet Union territories. The Secretariat offered to do so.
- The request was made that the Secretariat reaches out to the WMC organizers in order to obtain a list of deadlines that the Group should follow in preparation of its session.

#### **5. Group's potential participation in the 9<sup>th</sup> International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development in Kiev, Ukraine (6-9 November 2018).**

- The Secretariat informed the Bureau about the 9th IFESD and expressed its opinion that in light of the very busy schedule of the Group featuring a number of technical events that are to be delivered world-wide extensive involvement of the Group in IFESD is not necessary.
- The Bureau shared the Secretariat's opinion.
- It was decided that the Group should be represented in Kiev by one or two experts who will participate in the events relevant from the point of view of the Group's mandate and work.
- It was suggested that the audience in Kiev should be informed about the Group's work, and about the concept and activities of ICE-CMMs. Importance of engaging with local companies was also underlined.
- The Secretariat recalled that Ukraine was interested in hosting a workshop and potentially an ICE-CMM. These issues are to be discussed during a meeting between the Bureau and the Ukrainian delegation at GMF in Toronto. The Secretariat offered to send to the Ukrainian delegation all necessary information on goals of and requirements for hosting ICE-CMM. In this context the issue of financial sustainability of the potential Centre was underlined.
- The Bureau enquired about the status of negotiations with Turkey, which alike Ukraine also expressed its interest in hosting a workshop. The Secretariat informed the Bureau that the negotiations were still open. It was mentioned that a request from the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources asking for information about previous workshops had been recently received, which signifies that the matter is still of interest to the Turkish Authorities. The secretariat also recalled that the matter was to be discussed in Toronto, where Turkish delegation is to attend the Bureau meeting. It was regretted that Mr. Erdoğan was unable to participate in the call and provide the Bureau with more detailed information about the issue.
- In this context, the Chair observed that there was a need for mobilizing Bureau Members to be more involved in the work of the Bureau in general, and in its calls and meetings in particular. It is crucial for all Members to take an ownership of the Group's work. The secretariat is to send an email to Bureau Members to raise this issue.

#### **6. Group's potential participation in COP24 in Katowice, Poland (3-14 December 2018).**

- The Secretariat provided a short overview of the efforts that are undertaken jointly with ICE-CMM in Poland to assure the latter's participation in the event. Should the initiative be successful the Group will have an opportunity to be also present in Katowice. The scope of its involvement is yet to be determined.
- It was underlined that the presence of the second ICE-CMM would also be important. The Secretariat informed the Bureau that ICE-CMM in Poland had already considered inviting its Chinese counterpart to Katowice. It will take further steps in this regard once it receives more details about its own involvement in the Conference from the Polish Government.
- The Bureau sees the potential participation of the Group in the event as an opportunity to reach out to a broader, more diversified audience, representing a variety of perspectives on matters that are relevant to the Group's work and mandate.
- The Bureau requested the Secretariat to keep it informed about the progress of the matter.

## **7. Any other business**

- Ms. Ruiz asked the Bureau and the Secretariat, about the possibility of holding a GMI Coal Subcommittee meeting at the upcoming session of the Group of Experts this September. The Chair underlined the importance of cooperation between the Group and GMI and pointed out to the fact that over the last several years the meetings of the GMI Coal Subcommittee had been traditionally held jointly with the annual meetings of the Group in Geneva. Consequently, he supported the suggested initiative. The Secretariat shared the Chair's view and stressed that in light of multiple technical events that the Group is to be involved in this year, the upcoming annual session could be purely administrative, focusing only on the housekeeping matters. As a result, not organizing any technical session in Geneva, the Group could dedicate one day to a joint meeting with GMI. Furthermore, the Secretariat recalled that this year's session would be held back to back with the meeting of the Committee on Sustainable Energy, which is to feature some technical discussions relevant to the Group's mandate and work. Consequently, the Group could offer to organize, or co-organize such sessions, thus also getting an opportunity to bring certain matters to the CSE's attention.
- The Secretariat offered to send out to the Bureau a message requesting it to take stance on the issue in question. In such case all Members, not only those present at the call, will have an opportunity to freely express their opinion.

## **8. Date of the next Bureau call**

- The date of the next call will be decided at the Bureau meeting in Toronto (16 April).

## **9. End of the meeting.**

- The Chair and the secretariat thanked participants for their time and involvement in the call.
- The meeting was closed

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