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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the tenth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday
28 October 2015¹

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Opening remarks.
4. Introduction of participants.
5. Activities and priorities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and its Committee on Sustainable Energy.
6. Report on implementation of the work plan for 2014-15.

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7. Report from the fifth joint meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Coal Subcommittee of the Global Methane Initiative.
8. Trends, developments and good practices in coal mine methane management.
9. Work plan for 2016–2017.
10. Preparations for the eleventh session of the Group of Experts.
11. Other business.
12. Adoption of conclusions and recommendations.
13. Adoption of the report and close of the meeting.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

1. In accordance with the rules of procedure of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda. The documents for the session will be published on the ECE Sustainable Energy Division coal mine methane website², as soon as they become available. A detailed timetable for the session will be posted to the Sustainable Energy Division website.

Item 2: Election of Officers

2. The Group of Experts will elect its Chair and Vice-Chairs.

Item 3: Opening remarks

3. Opening remarks will be delivered, including on the status of the methane management in the ECE region.

Item 4: Introduction of participants

4. Participants will be invited to introduce themselves briefly.

Item 5: Activities and priorities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and its Committee on Sustainable Energy

5. The secretariat will update the Group of Experts on the relevant decisions adopted by the ECE at its 66th session. The secretariat will also inform the Group of Experts on the preparations for and the possible outcomes of the twenty-fourth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy to be held on 18–20 November 2015.

Item 6: Report on implementation of the work plan for 2014–2015

6. The Chair and the secretariat will report on the status of implementation of the five activities defined by the Group of Experts' work plan for 2014–2015:

² <http://www.unece.org/energy/se/cmm.html>

- (a) Electronic dissemination of Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Drainage and Recovery in Coal Mines;
- (b) Update and further development of the Best Practice Guidance;
- (c) Proposals for case studies on the application of best practices in specific coal mines in different regions of the world;
- (d) Establishment of an International Centre of Excellence on Coal Mine Methane, and
- (e) Providing advice to various international, national and regional market-based coal mine methane emission reduction mechanisms and related coal mine methane standards.

Item 7: Report from the fifth joint meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Coal Subcommittee of the Global Methane Initiative

7. The Global Methane Initiative (GMI) is one of the Group of Experts' key stakeholders. A report from the fifth joint meeting of the ECE and the Coal Subcommittee of the Global Methane Initiative will be presented.

Item 8: Trends, developments and good practices in coal mine methane management

8. Recent trends, developments, and good practices in coal mine methane management in the ECE member States and other coal mining countries will be presented.

Item 9: Work plan for 2016–2017

9. The Group of Experts will discuss its draft work plan for 2016–2017 (ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2015/3).

Item 10: Preparations for the eleventh session of the Group of Experts

10. The Group of Experts will discuss preparations for its eleventh session. Possible topics for the substantive portion of the session will be proposed and discussed. The eleventh session of the Group of Experts might be held in March 2016 in Washington, DC, or in October 2016 in Geneva.

Item 11: Other business

11. The meeting may discuss other issues that arise before or during the session and that fall within the scope of the Terms of Reference of the Group of Experts. To the extent possible, delegates are encouraged to notify the secretariat or the Chair in advance of any issue they may wish to raise under this agenda item.

Item 12: Adoption of conclusions and recommendations

12. The Expert Group will be invited to adopt conclusions and recommendations as may be agreed.

13. As per the guidelines on procedures and practices for ECE bodies, the secretariat should make available only those draft conclusions and recommendations for discussion and adoption that are proposed by one or more ECE member States. Where possible all such draft conclusions and recommendations should be circulated to all participants and Geneva Permanent Representations at least ten days before the start of the meeting.

Item 13: Adoption of the report and close of the meeting

14. The Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, will sum up the agreed conclusions and recommendations. The Expert Group will be invited to adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat, following which the Chair will close the meeting.

III. Tentative timetable

15. Below is a tentative timetable. It is subject to change; an updated timetable will be posted on the ECE coal mine methane website².

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
28 October 2015	
10:00	Item 1: Adoption of the agenda
10:10	Item 2: Election of Officers
10:20	Item 3: Opening remarks
10:30	Item 4: Introduction of participants
10:50	Item 5: Activities and priorities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and its Committee on Sustainable Energy
11:00	Item 6: Report on implementation of the work plan for 2014-15
11:40	Break
12:00	Item 7: Report from the fifth joint meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Coal Subcommittee of the Global Methane Initiative
12:30	Item 8: Trends, developments and good practices in coal mine methane management
13:00	Lunch
15:00	Item 8: Trends, developments and good practices in coal mine methane management (continued)
16:00	Item 9: Work plan for 2016-17
17:00	Item 10: Preparations for the eleventh session of the Group of Experts
17:20	Item 11: Other business
17:30	Item 12: Adoption of conclusions and recommendations

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
17:40	Item 13: Adoption of the report and close of the meeting
18:00	End of the session
