

Economic Commission for Europe

Committee on Sustainable Energy

Expert Group on Resource Classification

Fifth session

Geneva, 29 April – 2 May 2014

Item 23 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations

Draft Conclusions and Recommendations arising from the Expert Group on Resource Classification Fifth Session¹

Draft for discussion

Agenda item 2: Election of Officers

1. The Expert Group elected its Bureau members as set out in the report of the meeting.
2. The Expert Group noted that the Bureau membership is reflective of the stakeholders/UNFC-2009 end users represented in the Expert Group, including with respect to commodity type and geography. In view of the nature of the global work of the Expert Group and the need for the Bureau to be representative of all UNFC-2009 stakeholders, the Expert Group noted that not all Bureau members can be nominated by ECE member States as per paragraph 7 of the Guidelines on procedures and practices for ECE bodies “Candidates for the Bureaux of the Sectoral Committees and other subsidiary bodies shall be nominated by member States based on the person’s expertise, professionalism, and expected support from the membership.”

Agenda item 7: Mandate and Terms of Reference

3. The Expert Group noted that its mandate is extended until December 2019. The Expert Group further noted the revised terms of reference for the Expert Group as adopted by the Committee on Sustainable Energy at its twenty-second session and as approved by the Executive Committee at its sixty-fifth session (Annex to ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2014/1).

Agenda item 9: Technical Advisory Group

4. The Expert Group noted the establishment of the Technical Advisory Group and approved its membership, including the nomination of Mr. John Etherington as Chair, as set out in the report of the meeting.
5. The Expert Group agreed that the Specifications Task Force is terminated in view of the establishment of the Technical Advisory Group.

¹ The draft conclusions and recommendations will be reviewed by the Expert Group on screen after each agenda item and updated as needed.

Agenda item 10: Application of UNFC-2009 to solid minerals

6. The Expert Group recommended that the Technical Advisory Group review the changes made to the November 2013 version of the CRIRSCO Template and subsequently document any needed amendments/updates to the Bridging Document between the CRIRSCO Template and UNFC-2009 for presentation to the sixth session.

Agenda item 11: Application of UNFC-2009 to petroleum

7. The Expert Group recommended the Technical Advisory Group to update the mapping between UNFC-2009 and the classification system of the Russian Federation that was published in 2009.

Agenda item 12: Application of UNFC-2009 to nuclear fuel resources

8. The Expert Group requested the Task Force on the Application of UNFC-2009 to Nuclear Fuel Resources to update the bridging document between the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA)/International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Uranium Classification and UNFC-2009 in the light of the comments received during the fifth session. The final bridging document should be agreed by the Technical Advisory Group and subsequently approved by the Bureau of the Expert Group. Following this the document should be submitted to the Committee on Sustainable Energy at its twenty-third session for endorsement.

9. The Expert Group recommended that the Task Force on Application of UNFC-2009 to Nuclear Fuel Resources should continue pending endorsement of the bridging document by the Committee on Sustainable Energy. The Task Force should also focus on development of guidelines for the application of UNFC-2009 for uranium and thorium projects.

Agenda item 13: Application of UNFC-2009 to Renewable Energy Resources

10. The Expert Group requested the Task Force on the Application of UNFC-2009 to Renewable Energy Resources to issue the draft specifications for public comment and to prepare a revised text in the light of comments received for agreement by the Technical Advisory Group and approval by the Bureau of the Expert Group. Following this the document should be circulated to the Expert Group.

11. The Expert Group requested the Task Force to prepare renewable technology specific-specifications for review at the sixth session.

Agenda item 14: Use of UNFC-2009 for classifying injection projects

12. The Expert Group recommended that the Task Force on UNFC and Recipient Reservoirs finalize the documentation required for UNFC-2009 to be used to classify injection projects, in particular for the storage of carbon dioxide, and submit this to the sixth session.

Agenda item 16: Case studies and testing of UNFC-2009

14. The Expert Group recommended that the case studies presented to the fifth session be issued as an electronic ECE publication by December 2014.

15. The Expert Group further recommended that a database of UNFC-2009 case studies be prepared and made available on the ECE website.

Agenda item 17: UNFC-2009 E axis – environmental and social considerations

16. The Expert Group recommended that the Technical Advisory Group prepare guidance on accommodating environmental and social considerations in UNFC-2009 and the Specifications for its Application for the sixth session.

Agenda item 18: UNFC-2009 delivering on SE4ALL

17. The Expert Group recommended that the Bureau cooperate with the World Bank Group to explore how UNFC-2009 can actively contribute to the SE4ALL High-Impact Opportunity: Phase-out of Gas Flaring from Oil Production.

Agenda item 19: Education and outreach

18. The Expert Group approved the revised mandate and terms of reference of the Communications Sub-Committee as contained in Annex I to ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2014/6.

19. The Expert Group approved the standard presentations on UNFC-2009 and requested the Communications Sub-Committee to take responsibility for their distribution and updating them as necessary.

20. The Expert Group agreed that an educational session on UNFC-2009 should be organized on the first day of the sixth session.

Agenda item 20: Update on financial reporting

21. The Expert Group requested the Bureau to continue to monitor developments related to financial reporting and to update the sixth session accordingly.

Agenda item 21: Self-evaluation of UNFC-2009

22. The Expert Group requested the secretariat to undertake similar evaluations annually. The Expert Group further requested the Bureau, Technical Advisory Group and the Communications Sub-Committee to work with the secretariat to implement the action plan contained in the self-evaluation for 2012–2013.

Agenda item 22: Work plan for 2014 –2015

23. Noting that its Work Plan for 2013–2014 was approved by the UNECE Executive Committee at its sixty-fifth meeting, 4 December 2013, the Expert Group agreed that no changes were needed to the work plan for 2013–2014 and recommended that a draft Work Plan for 2015–2016 be prepared for the sixth session.

Agenda item 24: Other business

24. The Expert Group agreed that, in order to expedite submission of documentation for endorsement by the Committee on Sustainable Energy at its twenty-third session in November 2014, it can work by written procedure subject to a minimum comment period of 21 days. No feedback is taken to be tacit approval.

25. Following discussion and careful review and in the light of the feedback received during the Evaluation of UNFC-2009 by the secretariat, the Expert Group agreed that its sixth session will be held over four days, including an educational session on UNFC-2009, but with the option for the total number of days to be reduced subject to the agenda items required.

Agenda item 25: Report of the meeting

26. The report of the meeting was adopted subject to any necessary editing and formatting.
