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## Economic Commission for Europe

### Committee on Sustainable Energy

#### Group of Experts on Renewable Energy

##### First session

Geneva, 18–19 November 2014

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the first session\*

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
opening on Tuesday 18 November 2014, at 3.00 p.m.

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Status of development of renewable energy in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region.
4. Energy access in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region.
5. Best practices in renewable energy in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region.
6. Cross-cutting issues and coordination of work on renewable energy.

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\* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the website of the ECE Sustainable Energy Division (<http://www.unece.org/energy>), and transmit it to the ECE secretariat, if possible at least two weeks prior to the session, either by fax (+41 22 917 0038) or by e-mail to [laurence.rotta@unece.org](mailto:laurence.rotta@unece.org) with a copy to [feei@unece.org](mailto:feei@unece.org). Prior to the session, delegates are requested to present themselves at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix opposite the Red Cross Building (see the map on the Sustainable Energy Division's website) for the issuance of an identification badge at least one and a half hours prior to the beginning of the meeting. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (internal extension 75976 or 74140).



7. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's role in achieving the objectives of the United Nations Secretary General's Sustainable Energy for All Initiative.
8. Draft Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy for 2014–2015.
9. Other business.
10. Report of the meeting.
11. Dates of the next meeting.

## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

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

*Documentation:* ECE/ENERGY/GE.7/2014/1 – Annotated provisional agenda.

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item of the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda. The official documents for the session will be issued in English, French and Russian and will be posted on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) website as soon as they become available, at the following address: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=35377>.

### **2. Election of officers**

2. The Group of Experts will be invited to elect a Chairperson and other members of the Bureau.

### **3. Status of development of renewable energy in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region**

*Documentation:* ECE/ENERGY/GE.7/2014/4 – Report on selected international actors on renewable energy in the ECE region.

3. A presentation about the state of development of renewable energy in the ECE region will set the scene for a discussion about knowledge gaps and ways forward for the Group of Experts. Focus will be given to partnerships with key international actors already active in the ECE region and to data quality and consistency in the region. The Group of Experts will discuss high-impact areas to increase the uptake of renewable energy.

### **4. Energy access in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region**

4. Access to reliable and modern energy services is part of the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative's (SE4ALL's) basic concepts. Based on research seeking to identify communities that have no access to energy in the ECE region, the Group of Experts is invited to suggest ways to ensure that these communities have access to renewable or alternative sources of energy, possibly through an Action Plan for SE4ALL in the ECE region.

## **5. Best practices in renewable energy in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region**

5. Renewable Energy is integrating progressively into the global energy mix, yet there is much more to be done. The Group of Experts is invited to exchange lessons learnt about renewable energy policies as the vision for renewables energy and the processes for enhancing its uptake are ever changing. The Group of Experts is invited to discuss best practices, high-impact measures and procedures for an energy transition towards significantly increasing use of renewable energy, with a view to establishing ECE standards for renewable energies in the long-term.

## **6. Cross-cutting issues and coordination of work on renewable energy**

6. The nature of renewable energy technologies has far reaching consequences for a variety of sectors. How to tackle cross-cutting areas like sustainable housing also involving energy efficiency or the interconnectedness with gas will be the subject of this session. The Group of Experts will discuss such cross-cutting themes and will be consulted on the coordination within the Committee on Sustainable Energy, with other Sectoral Committees of the Commission and with other key stakeholders in the context of the draft work plan.

## **7. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's role in achieving the objectives of the United Nations Secretary-General's Sustainable Energy for All Initiative**

7. The Group of Experts will consider how to contribute to the achievement of the SE4ALL's objectives and of those agreed or to be agreed through other global processes, including the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

## **8. Draft Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy for 2014–2015**

*Documentation:* ECE/ENERGY/GE.7/2014/3 – Draft Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy for 2014–2015

8. The Group of Experts is invited to discuss and agree on the draft Work Plan and recommend its endorsement by the Committee on Sustainable Energy and subsequent approval by the Executive Committee of ECE.

## **9. Other business**

9. At the time the provisional agenda was prepared, there were no issues to be raised under this item.

## **10. Report of the meeting**

10. The Chairperson of the Group of Experts and the secretariat will draft the report of the session, including conclusions and recommendations, for discussion and approval by the delegates.

## **11. Dates of the next meeting**

11. The second session of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy is proposed to take place in Geneva on 17–18 November 2015.

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