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Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the second session*

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
opening on Monday 12 October 2015, at 10 a.m.

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climate change mitigation and adaptation, including the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

6. International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development.
7. Cross-cutting issues and coordination of work on renewable energy.
8. Renewal of Mandate and Draft Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy for 2016–2017.
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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.7/2015/1 – 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. During its first session, the Group of Experts elected representatives from Germany as Chair and from Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Belarus, Croatia and Poland as vice chairs for two years. The Group of Experts invited representatives from the International Energy Agency (IEA), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21) to participate in the Bureau for two years. The Group of Experts will be invited to elect additional members of the Bureau.

3. Report on the implementation of the Work Plan 2014–2015

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.7/2014/2 – Annex I, Report of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy on its first session

3. The Chair and the secretariat will report to the Group of Experts on the status of implementation of the Work Plan 2014–2015, pointing out the activities that have been accomplished, the on-going activities and those that may continue in the next biennium and therefore can be considered for the renewal of the mandate and possibly reflected in the Work Plan 2016–2017.

4. Progress made in the renewable energy uptake: key messages and next steps from the on-going status report in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2015/9 – ECE Renewable Energy Status Report- Key messages and progress.

4. A presentation on key findings and next steps of the ECE Renewable Energy Status Report under preparation will set the scene for a discussion about the progress made in the renewable energy uptake in the region. Presentations by experts will provide an overview of concrete examples in member countries. The Group of Experts will discuss high-impact areas and key issues to increase the uptake of renewable energy.

5. Based on the responses to a questionnaire sent to major stakeholders in selected ECE countries, the ECE Renewable Energy Status Report is seeking to identify communities that have no access to energy in the region. The Group of Experts is invited to discuss and suggest ways and means to ensure that these communities have access to renewable or alternative sources of energy.

5. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goal on energy, and contribute to the global actions on climate change mitigation and adaptation, including the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

6. The Group of Experts will consider how to contribute to the achievement of the Energy Sustainable Development Goal 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.

7. Renewable Energy is integrating progressively into the global energy mix. New goals and targets are being set up at global level and endorsed at national level for implementation. The Group of Experts is invited to exchange experiences and lessons learnt about renewable energy policies. The Group of Experts is invited to discuss best practices, high-impact measures and procedures that help to achieve the sustainable energy goals and contribute to climate change mitigation through renewable energy sources.

6. International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development

8. The Government of Armenia, five United Nations Regional Commissions, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Office in Armenia, Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) are jointly organizing the Sixth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development in Yerevan, Armenia, on 29 September – 2 October 2015 in order to discuss progress on achieving the goals of the Secretary General's Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) initiative and operationalizing the Joint Statement of the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations Regional Commissions to the Fifth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development (the "Hammamet Declaration"). Participants will report and discuss the outcomes of the Forum, particularly on practical steps to significantly improve renewable energy in the ECE member States. Participants will be consulted on the Seventh International Forum.

7. Cross-cutting issues and coordination of work on renewable energy

9. Renewable energy will have to be considered within future energy systems and therefore in close correlation with cross-cutting areas like sustainable housing also involving energy efficiency with a possible view of considering an added value normative work to establishing ECE standards for renewable energies in the long-term.

10. The inter-linkages with other ECE areas of work such as the application of the Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 (UNFC-2009) to renewables, the interconnectedness and complementarity of renewable energy with gas and with cleaner electricity production from fossil fuels will be the subject of this session.

11. 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.

8. Renewal of Mandate and Draft Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy for 2016–2017

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.7/2015/3 – Draft Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy for 2016–2017

12. Annex II of the Executive Committee decision on matters relating to the Committee on Sustainable Energy (ECE/EX/7) established the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy with a mandate approved until December 2015, with the possibility of extension. During its first session on 18–19 November 2014, the Group of Experts agreed on the draft Work Plan which was subsequently endorsed by the Committee on Sustainable Energy on 19–21 November 2014 and approved by the Executive Committee of UNECE on 10 February 2015.

9. Key messages for the Committee on Sustainable Energy

13. The Group of Experts will convey specific conclusions and recommendations for consideration by the 24th session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy on 18–19 November 2015. During the annual session of the Committee, the Chair of the Group of Experts will present information on the situation of renewable energy in the ECE region and ECE's role, through renewed mandate and work plan 2016–2017, to contribute at boosting the uptake of renewable energy in its member States.

10. Other business

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

11. Report of the meeting

15. 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.

12. Dates of the next meeting

16. The third session of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy is proposed to take place in Geneva on 20–21 October 2016.
