



Second Session of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy (GERE) 12 October-13 October 2015

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

10:00 – 13:00

- Opening Statement: *Mr. Christian Friis Bach*, Executive Secretary of UNECE
- Adoption of the Agenda (Item 1)
- Election of officers (Item 2)
- Introductory Remarks: Chairperson, Group of Experts on Renewable Energy
- Report on the implementation of the Work Plan 2014-2015 (Item 3)
 - Presentation by Chairperson and the Secretariat
- 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. (Item 4)

What are key trends and pathways in renewable energy in UNECE countries?

- Introductory presentation:

Mr. Martin Hullin, Coordinator of the Report, Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21): The UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report

- Panel discussion

Mr. Ralph Sims, Professor of Sustainable Energy, Director, Centre for Energy, Massey University

Mr. Paolo Frankl, Head Renewable Energy Division, International Energy Agency (IEA), Medium-Term Renewable Energy Market Report 2015 - A focus on UNECE

Mr. Jeffrey Skeer, Senior Programme Officer, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) - Renewable Energy Potential in South East Europe

- Open discussion
- Conclusions and recommendations.



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- The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's role in achieving the Global 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 (Item 5)

How UNECE countries can be supported to achieve the Global Goals and to convert climate change challenges to sustainable development opportunities?

- Keynote Presentation: *Ms. Vivien Foster*, Manager of the Sustainable Energy department of the World Bank/ SE4ALL Global Tracking Framework – Key challenges to achieve the global goal on energy (video conference)

- Country presentations and panel discussion

Mr. Nazir Ramazanov, Adviser to the Chairman, the State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources (Azerbaijan)

Mr. Zeljko Juric, Senior Researcher, Energy Institute "Hrvoje Pozar", (Croatia)

Mr. Ulrich Benterbusch, Deputy Director General DG II, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Germany),

Mr. Georgy Ermolenko, Center for the Development of Renewable Energy, Higher School of Economics, Moscow (Russian Federation)

Ms. Anna Dimitrova, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels: (South East Europe)

Mr. Andreas Dreisiebner, Solarspar, (Best practices in photovoltaics)

Mr. Henrique Pacini, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, (Opportunities in trade and advanced bioenergy sectors)

- Open discussion
- Conclusions and recommendations

- International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development (Item 6)– Presentation by the Secretariat

Reception: 18:00 offered by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

UN Delegates Restaurant, 8th Floor Palais des Nations



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TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER (morning, *continued*)

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- Cross-cutting issues and coordination of work on renewable energy (Item 7)
 - Introduction by the Secretariat
 - Mr. Frank Denelle*, Royal Dutch Shell – Application of UNFC2009 to RE Resources
 - Mr. Michael Kunz*, UNECE, Cross-sectoral approach for global goals
 - Ms. Francesca Bernardini*, UNECE, Water Energy Nexus
 - Mr. Sebastian Glasenapp/ Mr. Frank Helbig*, UNECE, Forest and Energy
 - Ms. Domenica Carriero*, UNECE, Energy Efficiency in Buildings
 - Mr. Oliver Frank*, DENA (German Energy Agency): Fostering renewable energy development in UNECE region. Main trends and project presentation
 - Open discussion
 - Conclusions and recommendations
- Renewal of Mandate and Draft Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy for 2016–2017 (Item 8)
 - Presentation by the secretariat
 - Open discussion
 - Conclusions and recommendations
- Key messages for the Committee on Sustainable Energy (Item 9)
 - Presentation by Chairperson and the Secretariat
- Other business (Item 10)
- Report of the meeting (Item 11)
- Dates of the next meeting (Item 12)
- Close of the meeting.