



Economic and Social Council

Distr.: General
7 January 2013

Original: English

Economic Commission for Europe

Committee on Sustainable Energy

Working Party on Gas

Group of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas

Thirteenth session

Geneva, 23 January 2013

Annotated Provisional Agenda for the thirteen session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 23 January 2013*

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Decisions of the twenty third session of the Working Party on Gas of concern to the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.
3. Key trends in supply of gas to the UNECE region
4. Main developments in use of gas in the UNECE region
5. Status of the Working Party on Gas's studies on: underground gas storage, liquefied natural gas and use of gas in transport
6. Future directions of work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts
7. Date of next session.

* 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 UNECE Sustainable Energy Division (<http://www.unece.org/ie/>), and transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, if possible, at least two weeks prior to the session – namely, by 9 January 2013 – either by fax (+41 22 917 0038) or by e-mail (liliane.mauranne@unece.org). Delegates are requested to present themselves at least one and a half hours prior to the start of the meeting 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 Energy Division's web site), for the issuance of an identification badge. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (internal extension 72446 or 74140).

8. Other business.
9. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

Item 1

Adoption of the agenda (ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2013/1)

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2

Decisions of the twenty third session of the Working Party on Gas of concern to the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts

2. The secretariat will provide information on this matter.

Item 3

Key trends in the supply of gas to the UNECE region

3. Delegates are invited to present the key natural gas supply trends in their countries.
4. The UNECE secretariat will solicit the support of member countries and other international organizations dealing with natural gas for drafting a short room document containing the description of the main supply tendencies in the UNECE region.
5. The review of the key natural gas supply trends should allow delegates to identify issues of interest for the future direction of work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.

Item 4

Main developments in the use of gas in the UNECE region

6. Delegates will be asked to contribute to the discussion on the current trends in natural gas use trends in their countries.
7. If the time constraints would permit, the UNECE secretariat will invite member countries and other international organizations dealing with natural gas to contribute to the preparation of a concise room document focusing on the key natural gas use trends in the UNECE region.
8. The assessment of the fundamental developments in natural gas use is designed to facilitate the identification of relevant topics of interest for the future activities of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.

Item 5

Status of the Working Party on Gas's studies on: underground gas storage, liquefied natural gas and use of gas in transport

9. The secretariat will report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the first three-year phase of the ECE Energy Security Study and will invite the Ad Hoc Group of Experts to continue contributing to its work

Item 6

Future directions of work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts

10. Since the UNECE reform review is ongoing, the UNECE secretariat will not be in position to prepare a standard document on the future programme of work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.

11. In the meantime, the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas as provided in ECE/EX/2006/L.22, dated 6 December 2006, is valid until further notice.

Item 7

Date of next session

12. The Group of Experts will decide on the proposed date of its next meeting in January 2014. The provisionally proposed date is 23 January 2014.

Item 8

Other business

13. Delegates will be invited to submit any other matter of interest for the Ad Hoc Group under this agenda item.

Item 9

Adoption of the report

14. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts will adopt its report on the basis of a summary prepared by the secretariat.
