

# Expert Group on Resource Classification (EGRC)

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# Recent Highlights

- Global interest in UNFC growing
- Key tool for delivering on Sustainable Development Goals and Africa Mining Vision

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

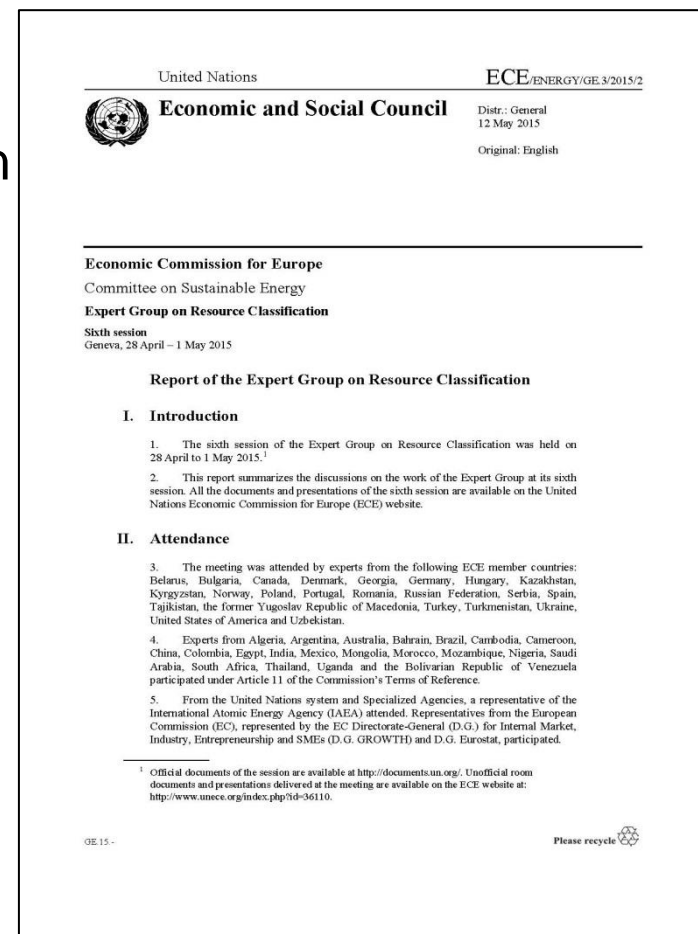


- Strengthened support from all UNFC stakeholders worldwide
  - Governments (UNECE/non-UNECE), industry, international organizations, professional societies & association, NGOs, financial reporting sector and academia
  - Over 230 experts registered for EGRC Sixth Session, 28 April-1 May 2015
  - UNFC presented at more than one event a week worldwide, some events a week long e.g. workshops and training courses.
  - First UNFC certificates presented at Joint UNECE and IAEA UNFC regional training course for African countries (Egypt, October 2015)

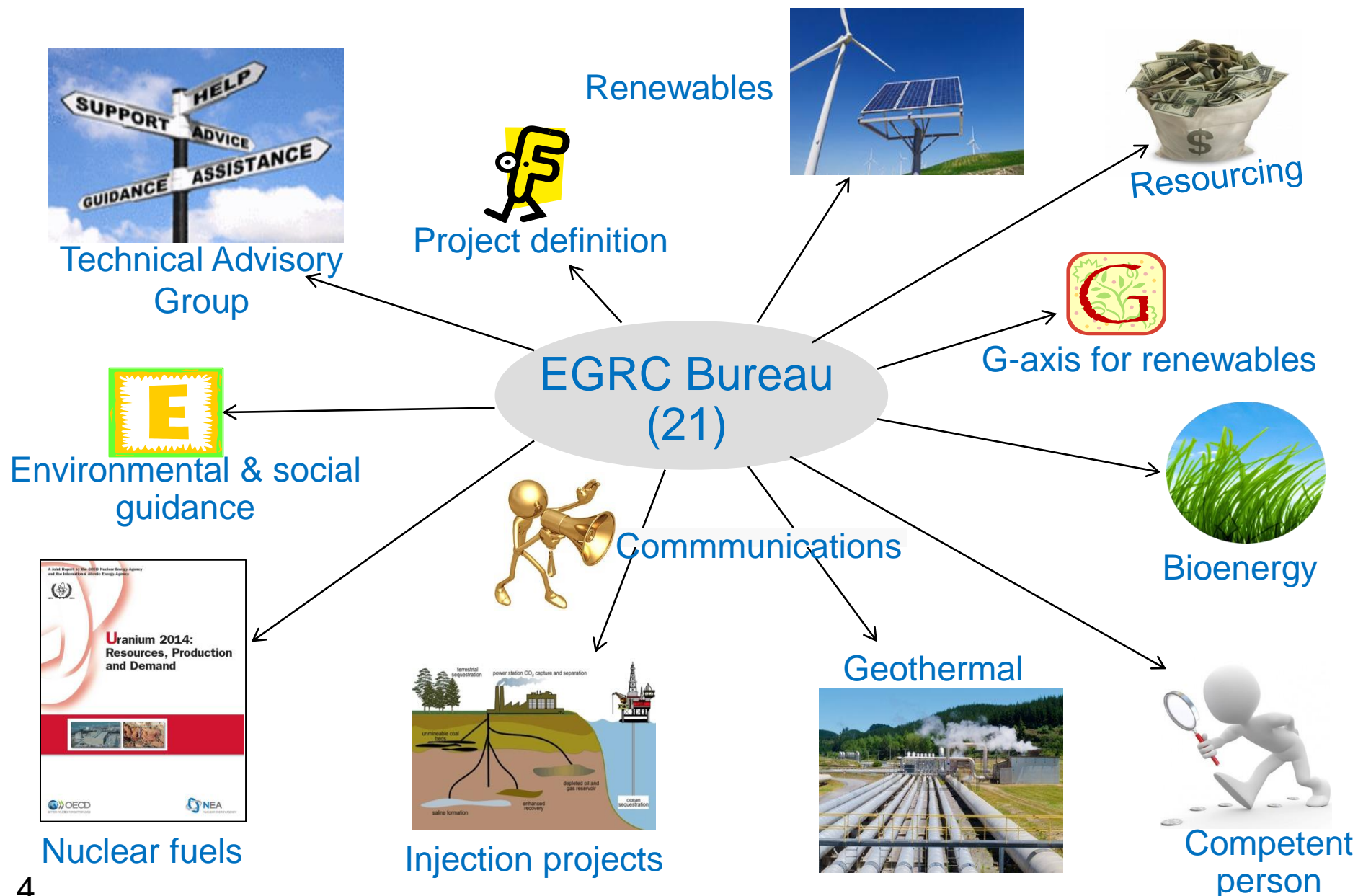


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- EGRC continues to operate as a transparent, inclusive and results-oriented body
- EGRC Bureau remains active
- Ongoing and significant progress across all 11 task forces & working groups overseen by Bureau between annual EGRC meetings
- Efforts align with EGRC Work Plan for 2013–2015
  - concrete results highlighted in Sixth Session report (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2015/2)



# EGRC Focus and Work Plan 2016-2017



# Current challenges and future outlook

- Growing role of and interest in UNFC globally
- UNFC unique tool for resource management
- Application to renewables critical but challenging – breaking new ground
- Comprehensive extraction
- Leverages transparent and effective communications
- UNECE offers unique platform for EGRC and UNFC development
- **Challenges:**
  - Ambitious work plan – EGRC relies on voluntary contributions
    - Current model of working unsustainable
    - Extrabudgetary and in-kind contributions essential to keep up with demand
  - Engagement with Committee on Sustainable Energy (CSE) when meetings are off cycle
    - i.e. input and decision making of CSE happens after annual meeting and complicates dates for work plans and other documents requiring CSE endorsement

# Recommendations to Committee

- Guidelines for Application of UNFC-2009 for Uranium and Thorium Resources (ECE/ENERGY/2015/7)
  - Landmark document - first set of guidelines developed for UNFC
  - Comprehensive in coverage
  - Has undergone robust and extensive review, including Public Comment on UNECE website
  - ✓ **request endorsement by Committee**
- Report of EGRC sixth session (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2015/2)
  - ✓ **request Committee to take note**
- Work Plan of the Expert Group on Resource Classification for 2016-2017 – Annex to ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2015/2
  - ✓ **request endorsement by Committee**

# Recommendations to Committee

- EGRC at sixth session recommended an update of UNFC-2009 not be undertaken before 2018
  - system only became operational December 2013
  - need time for users to test; important to not update UNFC too frequently
- ✓ **request endorsement by Committee**
- Extrabudgetary funding needed for secretariat support and other activities e.g. outreach and dissemination to ensure full and proper continued development and deployment of UNFC-2009
- ✓ **request support from Committee**



# Thank you



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