

**Day / Track: 12 June / Track I: Renewable Energy** **14.00-15.30**

**Workshop:** Findings of the REN21 UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report 2017

**Organizers:** UNECE, REN21

**Target group:** International organizations, NGOs, private sector involved in development and energy, research institutions, policy makers from the covered region

Good decisions require good data. Reliable, timely and regularly updated data are essential for establishing energy plans, defining targets, designing and continuously adapting policy measures, and monitoring.

REN21's latest regional report, which is covering 17 selected countries-Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan-in the UNECE region, highlights the enormous, yet often untapped renewable energy possibilities.

The first edition of the REN21 UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report, which was launched during the climate negotiations in Paris (COP21) in December 2015, paved the way for a first baseline of the situation in the 17 investigated countries in the ECE region. In order to provide an updated overview regarding where the ECE region stands in renewable energy uptake and therefore support the increased uptake of renewables in the region, UNECE partnered with REN21 to investigate the latest status of renewable energy in the region, i.e. tracking progress and understanding key issues for concrete actions.

This session will introduce key findings of the REN21 UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report 2017, and provide further insights on the status and future of renewable energy in the covered region.

Guiding questions:

- What are the key findings from the REN21 UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report 2017?*
- What information can be delivered to the policy-makers from the countries of interest in this report?*
- What can be done to boost the collaborations between countries?*
- What can be done to further boost investment in the renewable energy sector in the UNECE region*

Time	Content	Resource person
14.00-14.10	Welcome and Overview on the UNECE Group of Experts on Renewable Energy (GERE)	Mr. Gianluca Sambucini Secretary of GERE, UNECE
14.10-14.20	Welcome and Introduction to REN21	Mr. Arthouros Zervos Chair, Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century (REN21)
14.20-14.40	Key Note Presentation of the REN21 UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report	Mr. Martin Hulin Senior Project Manager, REN21
14.40-15.15	Panel Discussion with thought leaders of the region	Mr. Nazir Ramazanov Adviser to Chairman - The State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources of Azerbaijan  Mr. Valeriy Pysarenko Member of Parliament – Committee on Legal Policy and Justice, Ukraine  Ms. Natalia Jamburia Chief Specialist- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Division - Ministry of Energy, Georgia  Ms. Ute Collier Senior Programme Leader - Renewable Heat and Renewable Energy Policies – IEA
15.15-15.30	Q&A	All participants