

16th Session of the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane
Geneva, 3-4 March 2021

Draft Timetable (v7, 1 March 2021)

Wednesday, 3 March 2021			
Time	Agenda item	Detailed agenda (when necessary)	Speakers/Panelists
10:00	Housekeeping		Secretariat
10:02	Item 1: Adoption of the agenda		Mr. Raymond Pilcher , Chair, Group of Experts on CMM Secretariat
10:05	Item 2: Election of officers		Secretariat
10:10	Item 3: Opening remarks	Opening remarks	Mr. Raymond Pilcher , Chair, Group of Experts on CMM
10:20	Item 4: Activities and priorities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy & matters for consideration by Group of Experts	(a) 69th ECE Commission Session, April 2021 - proposed decisions on methane (b) Support for declaration of an International Decade for Methane Management (c) Principles of a just transition (d) Carbon neutrality as a pathway to sustainable energy and role for the Group of Experts (e) Strategic review of ECE sustainable energy subprogramme and role for the Group of Experts (f) Rules of procedure for Committee on Sustainable Energy	Mr. Scott Foster , Director, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE Mr. Raymond Pilcher , Chair, Group of Experts on CMM
10:45		Discussion (Q&A)	All Participants
10:50	Item 5: New Developments and Challenges in the Coal Sector throughout the World	Introduction	Mr. Raymond Pilcher , Chair, Group of Experts on CMM
10:55		Russian Federation Restructuring of the coal industry in Russia	Mr. Sergey Shumkov , Vice-Chair, Group of Experts on CMM
11:15		Draft findings of ENERPO's project on energy transition in Russia	Mr. Maxim Titov , Executive Director, Energy Policy Research Center
11:30		Discussion (Q&A)	All Participants
11:40		Centre for Coal Mine Methane in Russia (innovative research and development) – Background, Objectives, and Activities	Mr. Valerii Zakharov , Director, Center for Coal Mine Methane in Russia, Russian Academy of Science
11:55		Discussion (Q&A)	All Participants
12:00	Lunch break		
14:00	Item 5: New Developments and Challenges in the Coal Sector throughout the World (continued)	Ukraine New Developments in the Field of Methane Management in Ukrainian Mines	Mr. Borys Griadushchyi , Director, Donetsk Research Institute of Coal Mining (DONUGI) Mr. Anatoliy Bulat , Ukrainian Academy of Science Mr. Yuriy Bobrov , Vice-Chair, Group of Experts on CMM Mr. Igor Yashchenko , Deputy Director, Department of Industrial Safety and Physical Protection, Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry
14:20		Discussion (Q&A)	All Participants
14:25		Poland New Developments in the Field of Methane Management in Polish Mines	Mr. Jacek Skiba , Vice-Chair, Group of Experts on CMM
14:45		Discussion (Q&A)	All Participants

14:50	Item 9: Cooperation and partnerships	Introduction	Mr. Raymond Pilcher , Chair, Group of Experts on CMM
14:55		Work on Methane Emissions from the Coal Sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Methane Strategy 	Mr. Malcolm McDowell , European Commission, DG ENER
15:10		Discussion	All Participants
15:20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of MRV Task Force 	Ms. Volha Roshchanka , Vice-Chair, Group of Experts on CMM
15:30		Discussion	All Participants
15:40		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atmospheric Methane Emissions from Mining Areas and their Significance 	Ms. Justyna Swolkień , Professor, AGH University of Science & Technology
15:50		Potential cooperation with NLMK on CO ₂ Capture Project	Mr. Raymond Pilcher , Chair, Group of Experts on CMM
15:55	Discussion	All Participants	
16:00	End of day one		

Thursday, 4 March 2021

Time	Agenda item	Detailed agenda (when necessary)	Speakers/Panelists
10:00	Item 6: Report on implementation of the work plan for 202-2021	Progress in implementation of the work plan for 2020-2021	Mr. Raymond Pilcher , Chair, Group of Experts on CMM Secretariat
10:15		Reports by the International Centres of Excellence on Coal Mine Methane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poland 	Mr. Piotr Kasza , Board Member, ICE-CMM Poland
10:30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation of the work on CMM of the new member of ICE-CMM Poland, JSW 	Mr. Artur Badylak , Director, Department of Methane Drainage and Energy Carrier Management, JSW
10:45		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China 	Mr. Beau Jia , ICE-CMM China, on behalf of Mr. Jin Zhixin , Chairman, ICE-CMM China
11:00	Item 7: Future work of the Group of Experts	Presentation of document ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2021/4	Mr. Raymond Pilcher , Chair, Group of Experts on CMM Secretariat
11:10		Discussion to orient the Group's mandate to better embrace the principles of a just transition as per the request of the Committee on Sustainable Energy	All Participants
11:35	Item 8: Draft Work plan for 2022-2023	Presentation of the Draft Work Plan for 2022-2023 (document ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2021/3)	Mr. Raymond Pilcher , Chair, Group of Experts on CMM Secretariat
11:45		Discussion	All Participants

12:00 Lunch break

14:00	Item 10: Eleventh Joint Meeting of UNECE Group of Experts on CMM and GMI Coal Subcommittee	Welcome from UNECE and GMI	Mr. Ray Pilcher , Chair, UNECE Group of Experts on CMM Ms. Volha Roshchanka on behalf of GMI Coal Mines Subcommittee Co-Chairs
14:10		GMI Secretariat Update	Ms. Monica Shimamura , GMI Secretariat
14:20		Overview of Tools and Resources Available through GMI and CMOP	Mr. Volha Roshchanka , U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
14:30		Tools to Assist with Evaluating CMM Project Opportunities in Active Mines and AMM Resources	Mr. Ozgen Karacan , U.S. Geological Survey
14:40		A Training Simulator for Management of Underground Methane Drainage Boreholes	Mr. David Creedy , Sindicatum Sustainable Resources
14:50		CMM and AMM Calculation Methods in German Hard Coal Mines	Mr. Stefan Möllerherm , Research Center of Post-Mining

15:00		Pre-feasibility Study Training by GMI	Mr. Clark Talkington , Advanced Resources International
15:10		CMM Project List: Analysis of Current Status & Trends	Mr. Nazar Kholod , Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
15:20		Summary of Action Items and Adjourn	GMI Coal Mines Subcommittee Co-Chairs
15:30	Item 11: Preparations for the seventeenth session of the Group		Secretariat
15:35	Item 12: Any other business		Mr. Raymond Pilcher , Chair, Group of Experts on CMM Secretariat
15:40	Item 13: Adoption of conclusions and recommendations		Mr. Raymond Pilcher , Chair, Group of Experts on CMM
15:50	Item 14: Adoption of report and close of meeting		Secretariat
16:00	Close of the sixteenth session		