Communication Working Group (CWG)

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- Summary of Communications Working Group (CWG) since EGRC tenth Session
Membership April 2021

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Objectives:

• Spread the word on United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) and United Nations Resource Management System (UNRMS)
• Attract experts to the various Working Groups and other activities of the EGRM

• Channels and activities
  • Promotion at conferences and workshops
  • Webinars
  • Publications and papers
  • Websites
  • Brochures
  • Social media
Several Webinars were organized in 2020/2021:

- Application of UNFC to Petroleum Total Resource Management: Status and outlook, July 2020
- Application of UNFC to Minerals and Anthropogenic Resources: Sustainable management of raw material resources, August 2020;
- Sustainable and integrated natural resource management, September 2020;
- The role of nuclear energy resources in sustainable development, September 2020;
- Overcoming barriers to scaling up Renewable Energy September 2020;
- Women in Mining: Global Perspective October 2020
- How the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) can help channel investments into energy and resource projects for sustainable development, Mach 2021.
• Presentations:
  • UNFC increased efforts on UNFC/UNRMS presentations (about 6 per month in 2019/2020).
  • Most of them online since March 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions.

• Articles/Press Releases:
  • More than 113 publications where UNFC has been referred to
  • Several press releases were published in the UNECE website

• EGRC membership:
  • Continue to identify new members for the Expert Group in particular in new areas of development of UNRMS (countries and companies)
New initiatives:

- New subgroup “Resource Management Young Member Group” (RMYMG)
- Stakeholder outreach to communities impacted by the Environmental and Social aspects of extractive resources (e.g. First Nations Major Projects Coalition)
- Stakeholder pilot survey for the UNRMS deployed at the EGRM 12 meeting
- Support the activities of new groups like the Woman in Resource Management.
- Support to "Digital UNFC: Uberization" to promote the development of digital applications for UNFC
- Support the development of Pilot studies (e.g. ANM in Colombia)
Resource Management Young Member Group

- Resource Management Young Member Group (RMYMG) approved by the EGRM in March 21 as a subgroup of EGRM

- The RMYMG is established to utilize the perspectives and skills of young professionals to develop and apply UNFC and UNRMS, and provide a platform to educate young students and professionals on the importance of sustainable resource management.

- The potential size of this group is large with the scope of the group including:
  - young members from the range of resource industries or sectors: oil and gas, renewable energy, minerals, anthropogenic resources, etc.
  - estimated size of the potential network is more than 100,000 young members worldwide.
  - will be composed of many local young professional sections, student chapters, and study groups.
• Each young professional section or student chapter will have a local committee and directly report to the RMYMG Committee.

• The qualification for establishing a section or student chapter is 10+ active members. In addition, individual or small study groups are encouraged.

• One or more experienced EGRM members or faculty could be assigned as mentors of the local section or local chapters or study groups.

• Each EGRM working group will have an RMYM G member for a period of one to two years terms.

• Each local section/chapter is required to submit an annual report to the RMYMG Committee.
• CWG developed a survey to help understand the stakeholder requirements for a resource management system and help build an UNRMS which is fit for purpose.

• EGRM members will get an email once the survey starts. It will be open for four weeks.

• The survey is completely anonymous.

• Generic questions on sustainable resource management and scope of UNSRMS.

• Survey EGRM membership for the pilot.

• Wider group of stakeholders for a future general survey.

• Results will provide analysis to the EGRM (scope, objectives).
Future Work Plans

• CWG to continue its efforts to implement Communications and Education Strategy.
• Support the development of updates on UNFC/UNRMS.
• Develop strategy to attract experts to voluntarily work for the EGRM.
• Develop, maintain, and update standard presentations on UNFC and UNRMS.
• Conduct webinars on UNFC and UNRMS
• Contribute to support digital applications to facilitate outreach UNFC/UNRMS
• Contribute to workshops, seminars, and other events on UNFC and UNRMS,
• Participation in events subject to travel restrictions due to Covid-19.
• Identify events at which papers on UNFC and UNRMS could be presented
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