



Economic Commission for Europe**Committee on Sustainable Energy****Expert Group on Resource Management****Thirteenth session**

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Revised annotated provisional agenda for the thirteenth session**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 25 October 2022¹

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the first item on the provisional agenda is adoption of the agenda.

Documents for the session will be published on the ECE website² as they become available. A detailed timetable will be posted on the website closer to the meeting.

Given the continuing restrictions on travel because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this session will be conducted in hybrid mode with the possibility of online and physical participation. To facilitate discussions, written updates on the status of the various areas of work of the Expert Group on Resource Management may be provided ahead of the meeting. Such updates would be posted to the ECE website.³

2. Election of officers

At its twelfth session, 26-30 April 2021, the Expert Group elected a Bureau to serve until the close of the fourteenth session in 2023. The Expert Group will be invited to elect any Bureau members whose term ends in 2022 and who stand for re-election, as well as any new nominations, to serve until the end of the fifteenth session in 2024.

3. Expert Group on Resource Management Realignment

The Expert Group on Resource Management comprises a diverse spectrum of expertise, interests, regions and experience. It is a subsidiary body of the intergovernmental Committee on Sustainable Energy. The Expert Group is also a key stakeholder in the UN Working Group on Transforming the Extractive Industries for Sustainable Development. The Expert Group's key responsibilities include (i) development of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC), (ii) development of the United Nations Resource Management System (UNRMS), and (iii) supporting the implementation of UNFC and UNRMS. The Bureau proposes that the Expert Group take a stock check to assess whether the current structure of the Expert Group needs a realignment whilst noting the currently limited resources of the ECE secretariat to support and coordinate activities and drive implementation of the Expert Group's approved work plan. There will be a discussion to explore and ensure a common understanding of the scope of the activities of the Expert Group and how it interacts with its stakeholders and the International Centres of Excellence on Sustainable Resource Management that are being established.

4. Delivering the Sustainable Development Goals: Development, maintenance and implementation of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and the United Nations Resource Management System

The attainment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement requires a holistic and integrated approach to sustainable resource management. The discussion will address the role of the United Nations in setting international rules and standards to sustain and nurture natural capital as a critical public good. Implementing the 18-point call to action of the UN Policy Brief "Transforming Extractive Industries for Sustainable Development"⁴ through the UN Working Group on Extractive Industries will be discussed. Implications for the work of the Expert Group will be considered.

² <https://unece.org/info/Sustainable-Energy/UNFC-and-Resource-Management/events/363370>

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⁴ https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/sg_policy_brief_extractives.pdf

The Expert Group will be briefed on the progress made since the twelfth session on the development, maintenance and application of UNFC for the sustainable management of resources, including any recommendations from the Bureau of the Expert Group. The Expert Group is tasked to develop and maintain UNFC through rigorous testing, review, and periodic updating. Current applications and expansion of UNFC for the sustainable management of mineral, petroleum, renewable energy, nuclear fuel and anthropogenic resources, groundwater and injection projects will be discussed and reviewed.

Coming reforms to mitigate climate change and meet the SDGs require that resource management be based on relevant project-based metrics beyond source and products. The Expert Group will be invited to decide whether and how to include such metrics in UNFC and UNRMS.

UNECE and EGRM have promoted the view that commercial assessments at the jurisdictional level are required in addition to assessments done at the enterprise level to meet the needs of jurisdictions and the capital market to assess opportunities and risks to investments associated with the reforms. The Expert Group will be briefed on the status of interactions between the UN and the capital market and the role that an expanded UNFC and UNRMS may play in this context.

The Expert Group will be briefed on the activities of the Technical Advisory Group. The development of a Glossary of Common Terms for UNFC will be presented (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2022/3), as well as updates to existing bridging documents (Bridging Document between the National Standard of the People's Republic of China Classification for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves (GB/T 17766-2020) and UNFC (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2022/16) and Bridging Document between the National Standard of the People's Republic of China Classification for Petroleum Resources/Reserves (GB/T 19492-2020) and UNFC (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2022/17)), any potential new bridging documents under consideration and harmonization of UNFC subsidiary documents.

The United Nations Resource Management System (UNRMS) is being developed as a comprehensive tool kit to ensure natural resources are managed in a sustainable and integrated manner. The UNRMS Subgroup will present the document "United Nations Resource Management System: Principles and Requirements" (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2022/6), and the Expert Group will be invited to consider and eventually agree to the text.

The Expert Group will discuss the "Concept Note: United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and United Nations Resource Management System - Systems approach to enabling the resource as a service paradigm through blockchain technologies" prepared by the Sustainable Development Goals Delivery Working Group (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2022/5).

The Expert Group will be briefed on the progress of updating the Specifications for the Application of UNFC to Geothermal Resources (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2022/18).

The Expert Group will be briefed on the application of UNFC and UNRMS to petroleum resources and the activities of the Petroleum Working Group. Updates on the status of the development of the UNFC Guidance for Application to Coal Bed Methane (CBM) (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2022/8).

The Expert Group will be briefed on the activities of the Social and Environmental Considerations Working Group. An update on the Draft Governance Guidelines related to Environmental and Social Factors in Resource Classification and Management (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2022/7) will be provided.

Issues related to social and environmental aspects, competency requirements (Draft Guidance Note on Competency Requirements for the Estimation, Classification and Management of Resources (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2022/4)), and capacity-building will also be addressed.

The revised Draft Guidance for the Application of UNFC for Mineral and Anthropogenic Resources in Europe (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2022/9) will be presented.

The Expert Group will discuss cooperation with the Groups of Experts on Gas, on Cleaner Electricity Systems and on Renewable Energy to develop international hydrogen

classification standards. The Expert Group will also discuss opportunities for collaboration with the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency. The Expert Group will be invited to discuss other potential applications of UNFC and UNRMS.

The Expert Group will discuss the information provided and be invited to make any recommendations.

5. Application of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and the United Nations Resource Management System in different geographical contexts

The Expert Group will be briefed on the increasing adoption of and interest in applying UNFC and UNRMS in various countries, sub-regions and regions, including the European Union, Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) region, African Union, Asia-Pacific, North America and Latin America. An update on documents developed to assist the application of UNFC and UNRMS in Europe (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2022/9) and Africa (African Minerals and Energy Classification and Management System (AMREC) and Pan-African Resource Reporting Code (PARC)) will be provided. A number of case studies from different geographical contexts will also be presented.

An update on the establishment of International Centres of Excellence on Sustainable Resource Management will be provided.

The Expert Group will discuss the information provided and be invited to propose future work to manage regional and global uptake and implementation of UNFC and UNRMS.

6. Work plans for 2020-2021 and 2022-2023

The Expert Group will discuss the status of the implementation of its work plan for 2020-2021 (ECE/ENERGY/2019/11).

The Expert Group will also discuss the implementation of its work plan for 2022-2023 (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2021/3).

7. Other business

The Expert Group may discuss any other pertinent issues that arise before or during the session and that fall within the scope of the terms of reference of the Expert Group. Delegations are encouraged to notify the secretariat and the Chair in advance if they wish to raise any issues under this agenda item.

The Expert Group will discuss the dates for its fourteenth session in Geneva in 2023.

8. Adoption of conclusions and recommendations

The Expert Group will be invited to adopt conclusions and recommendations.

Where possible, the draft conclusions and recommendations will be circulated to participants and Geneva Permanent Representations at least ten days before the start of the meeting.

9. Adoption of the report and close of the meeting

The Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, will summarize the agreed conclusions and recommendations. The Expert Group will be invited to adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with the Bureau, following which the Chair will close the meeting.