The Committee on Sustainable Energy is an intergovernmental body that provides member States with a platform for international dialogue and cooperation. It is mandated to carry out a programme of work in the field of sustainable energy with a view to providing access to affordable and clean energy to all, in line with the “Sustainable Energy for All” initiative of the Secretary-General, and to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the carbon footprint of the energy sector.

**STRUCTURE**

The Committee and each of its six groups of experts have annual meetings and elected bureaux that are responsible for managing and developing the work of the group between its meetings.

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**ABOUT**

The Committee and its six subsidiary bodies will carry out concrete and results-oriented activities and they will work in accordance with the “Guidelines on procedures and practices for ECE bodies” as adopted by the Commission session on 11 April 2013.

Areas of work include: energy security, energy efficiency, cleaner electricity production from fossil fuels, renewable energy, coal mine methane, United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC), UN Resource Management Standards, hydrogen and natural gas.

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**OBJECTIVE**

The Committee’s activities are conceived with a view to ensuring access to affordable and clean energy to all and to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the carbon footprint of the energy sector.

UNECE has begun developing normative instruments, including its work on standards and best practice guidance documents.

Proper management of methane from source to use will be an effective means of reducing emissions of a very potent greenhouse gas.

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**LONG TERM OBJECTIVE**

UNECE will need to continue and expand its work in 3 critical areas:

1. Reconciling the reality of fossil fuels’ enduring share of the energy mix with the need to address climate change,
2. Enhancing integration of the region’s energy markets,
3. Facilitating the transition to a sustainable energy system.

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**AIM**

The Committee aims to:
- improve energy efficiency
- measure and correct energy market failures
- facilitate economic integration and cooperation
- reduce energy and carbon intensities
- minimize the energy sector’s impact on the environment
- ensure that energy production, conversion and use is cost competitive
- enhance cost-effective attainment of environmental goals
- innovate constructively across the board in the organization of society, industry, and government
- facilitate exchange of experience and expertise through dialogue and networking

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