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**Economic Commission for Europe****Committee on Sustainable Energy****Thirty-third session**

Geneva, 18-20 September 2024

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Opening and adoption of the agenda****Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-third session\***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 18 September 2024

**I. Provisional agenda**

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## II. Annotations

### 1. Opening and adoption of the agenda

*Documentation:* ECE/ENERGY/152 – Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-third session

The theme of the thirty-third session is Just Transition for Resilient Energy Systems. The provisional agenda is based on decisions taken by the Committee on Sustainable Energy (the Committee) at its thirty-second session, decisions taken by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) at its seventieth session and on developments since those sessions.<sup>1</sup>

### 2. Just Transition for Resilient Energy Systems in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region

*Documentation:* ECE/ENERGY/2024/5 –Just Transition for Resilient Energy Systems  
ECE/ENERGY/2024/8 - Advancing Intergenerational Justice in Critical Raw Materials Management: Assessing the Potential of Demand-side Interventions

At its thirty-first session, the Committee on Sustainable Energy (21-23 September 2022) discussed a framework to build resilient energy systems that is based on: (i) energy security that ensures energy needed at any time is met through a diversity of supply; (ii) affordability of sustainable energy that reduces the costs of electricity, heating, cooling, and transport while increasing systemic energy efficiency; and (iii) environmental sustainability that lowers the carbon footprint and enhances the efficiency across the energy supply chain (ECE/ENERGY/143 paras 11-12).

At its thirty-second session, the Committee on Sustainable Energy (13-15 September 2023) noted with appreciation the framework on resilient energy systems presented and recalled that building a resilient energy system requires engaging with all stakeholders to the extent that warrants their ownership of the process and a sense of responsibility for its results. While the transition towards climate neutrality, being a key element of improving resilience of an energy system, will create new opportunities, it may also have disruptive effects on carbon- and energy-intensive industries, as well as on regions, communities, and enterprises that depend on them.

Therefore, the Committee called upon ECE member States to assess the social impacts of the energy transition at the planning phase, so that proper protective and ameliorating mechanisms are developed and relevant policies are in place to prepare stakeholders for the new reality. Prior to this thirty-third session, the concept of just energy transition was shaped by the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane and Just Transition. The Group defined the “just transition” as an integrated approach to sustainable development that brings together social progress, workers’ protection, environmental consciousness, and economic success into a framework of democratic governance and institutional support.

The thirty-third session of the Committee will bring together policymakers and energy industry experts to discuss how a just transition could create favourable conditions to achieve resilient and carbon neutral energy systems. Member States will be invited to share concrete examples of good practices in just transition across the ECE region. The Chairs of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies will share insights on how their respective areas of work can contribute to a just energy transition. Furthermore, the Committee will look into the issue of gender parity and youth engagement in the context of just transition for resilient and carbon

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<sup>1</sup> The ECE Subprogramme on Sustainable Energy assists member States in integrating the objectives of Sustainable Development Goals 7 and 13 by reducing the environmental footprint of energy, accelerating deep transformation of the energy sector to meet future needs, ensuring the sustainable management of resources and assessing options to ensure energy for sustainable development.

neutral energy systems. This one-day multi-stakeholder dialogue is aimed at shaping the ECE mandate on just transition for resilient energy systems and provide guidance for future actions across the ECE region.

### **3. Delivering on sustainable energy: subprogramme accomplishments since the thirty-second session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy**

This segment will provide an overview of the activities, accomplishments and priorities of the Committee and its six subsidiary bodies since the thirty-second session of the Committee. The ECE work on sustainable energy is designed to improve access to affordable and clean energy for all and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the carbon footprint of the energy sector in the region. It promotes international policy dialogue and cooperation among governments, energy industries and other stakeholders. The Committee will be informed about the progress on the following key areas of work: resilience and carbon neutrality, sustainable resource management, methane management, renewable energy, natural gas, hydrogen, energy connectivity, energy efficiency, digitalization in energy, just transition, gender and youth. The Committee will also be informed about the update on evaluation activities, namely the subprogramme-level evaluation on “Sustainable resource management: regular budget activities on the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and the United Nations Resource Management System” approved by EXCOM at the 126<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

### **4. Technical assistance, regional outreach and collaboration activities**

#### **(a) Regional advisory services and collaboration activities**

*Documentation:* ECE/ENERGY/2024/3 – Report on regional advisory services in sustainable energy

The Regional Advisor will report on regional advisory services in sustainable energy and on cooperation with other international organizations.

#### **(b) Extrabudgetary and United Nations Development Account projects**

The Committee will receive an update of extrabudgetary projects and projects under the United Nations Development Account as well as other funding sources since its last session.

### **5. Election of officers**

*Documentation:* ECE/ENERGY/149 - Report of the Committee on Sustainable Energy on its thirty-second session

At its thirty-first session, the Committee elected a Chair and Vice-Chairs to serve until the close of the thirty-third session in 2024. At its thirty-second session, the Committee elected additional Vice-Chairs to serve until the close of the thirty-fourth session. At the thirty-third session, the Committee will be invited to elect a Chair and any additional Vice-Chairs to join the Bureau and to serve until the end of the thirty-fifth session in 2026.

### **6. Looking ahead: Future work of the Committee on Sustainable Energy**

#### **(a) Review of subprogramme performance and planning**

*Documentation:* ECE/ENERGY/2024/1 – Draft programme of work of the Sustainable energy subprogramme for 2025

ECE/ENERGY/33/2024/INF.1 – Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Sustainable energy subprogramme for 2026

The Committee will be invited to provide guidance on the future direction of its programme of work and an effective and streamlined role of the subsidiary bodies to support desired

outcomes to accelerate the delivery of energy for sustainable development and further strengthen its capacity to be a credible and relevant partner. The Committee will be invited to discuss new areas of work that may have emerged as important topics since the thirty-second session of the Committee, including any that arose during the thirty-third session.

The secretariat will present the draft programme of work of the Sustainable energy subprogramme for 2025 (ECE/ENERGY/2024/1). This document is consistent with the ECE proposed programme budget for 2025 (A/79/6 (Sect.20)) which was reviewed by the ECE Executive Committee in January 2024 and submitted for consideration by the seventy-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly. The programme of work document reflects the annual budget format approved by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution 77/267 of 30 December 2022. The Committee is requested to adopt the proposed “Draft programme of work of the Sustainable energy subprogramme for 2025” and to recommend submission to the ECE Executive Committee (EXCOM) for subsequent approval.

The Committee will also be invited to consider the “Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Sustainable energy subprogramme for 2026” (ECE/ENERGY/33/2024/INF.1) and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary. Those recommendations which are agreed by the Committee and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the Sustainable energy subprogramme for 2026.

**(b) Approval of documents**

*Documentation:* ECE/ENERGY/2024/2 – Provisional calendar of meetings of the sustainable energy subprogramme for 2025

ECE/ENERGY/2024/4 – Summary of practices for representation of and the use of titles within the Committee on Sustainable Energy and its Subsidiary Bodies

ECE/ENERGY/2024/6 – Revised Mandate and Terms of Reference of the Expert Group on Resource Management

ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2024/4 – International Centres of Excellence on Sustainable Resource Management - Criteria for Recognition and Terms of Reference

ECE/ENERGY/2024/7 – Revised Terms of Reference of the Task Force on Industrial Energy Efficiency

The Committee will be requested to approve a range of documents to support the implementation of mandated areas of work and to recommend their submission to EXCOM for subsequent approval if required.

The Committee will be invited to approve the renewal of the mandate of the Expert Group on Resource Management for the period 2025-2029 with the possibility of extension and the revised Terms of Reference of the Expert Group.

The Committee will be invited to approve the document “International Centres of Excellence on Sustainable Resource Management - Criteria for Recognition and Terms of Reference” (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2024/4) as agreed by the Expert Group on Resource Management at its fifteenth session (Geneva, 22-26 April 2024).

At its fifteenth session, the Expert Group on Resource Management noted the challenges of further developing, maintaining and disseminating the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) and the United Nations Resource Management System (UNRMS), both of which are recommended by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for global application by UN Member States. However, the Expert Group has a regional constituency and all non-ECE member States participate in the capacity of observers. The Committee will also be invited to discuss options to address this inconsistency and to allow all interested UN Member States to be able to participate in decision-making related to UNFC and UNRMS on an equal basis.

The Committee will be invited to agree to the provisional calendar of meetings for 2025.

The Committee will be invited to endorse the document on the use of titles within the Committee on Sustainable Energy and its subsidiary bodies. Finally, the Committee will be invited to endorse the revised terms of reference of the Task Force on Industrial Energy Efficiency.

## **7. Preparations for the seventy-first session of the Economic Commission for Europe**

*Documentation:* E/ECE/1503 – Economic Commission for Europe Biennial Report

The seventieth session of the Economic Commission for Europe was held in Geneva on 18-19 April 2023. The seventieth session focused on digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the ECE region. The preparations for the seventy-first session of the Commission that will be held in April 2025 are under way.

## **8. Any other business**

Member States may raise any other issues under this agenda item.

## **9. Adoption of the report and close of the meeting**

*Documentation:* ECE/ENERGY/153 – Report of the Committee on Sustainable Energy on its thirty-third session

The Chair will summarize the significant decisions, conclusions and recommendations taken by the Committee.

The Committee will be invited to adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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