

To: Members of the Bureau of the UNECE Expert Group on Resource Classification

From: David MacDonald and Hari Tulsidas

Conference Calls of the Bureau of the Expert Group on Resource Classification (EGRC) 18 September 2017 MINUTES
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Present on 9 am BST call:

1. David MacDonald (EGRC Chair)
2. Karin Ask (Petroleum sector)
3. Rodrigo Channes (EC)
4. Roger Dixon (CRIRSCO)
5. Alistair Jones (TAG Chair)
6. Jim Ross (Petroleum sector)
7. Igor Shpurov and Olga Trofimova (GKZ Russian Federation)
8. Dominique Salacaz (SPEE)
9. Danny Trotman (Financial reporting)
10. Hari Tulsidas (UNECE)
11. Charlotte Griffiths (UNECE)

Present on 3 pm BST call:

1. David MacDonald (EGRC Chair)
2. David Elliot (Financial reporting)
3. Adrienne Hanly (IAEA)
4. Alistair Jones (TAG Chair)
5. Kjell Reidar Knudsen (Norwegian Petroleum Directorate)
6. Jim Ross (Petroleum sector)
7. Bernard Seiller (SPE)
8. Hari Tulsidas (UNECE)
9. Charlotte Griffiths (UNECE)

Apologies:

1. Tunde Arisekola (NGSA)
2. Fatih Birol (IEA)
3. Sim Caluyong (representing Adichat Surinkum, CCOP)
4. Mucella Ersoy (Turkish Coal Enterprises)
5. Gioia Falcone (Renewable energy)
6. Michael Lynch-Bell (Financial reporting and solid minerals)
7. Bernard Seiller (SPE)
8. Ulrich Kral (Anthropogenic resources)
9. Jennifer McCoy (Financial reporting)
10. Brad Van Gosen (USGS)
11. Narendra Verma (Petroleum sector)
12. Radoslav Vukas (Serbia)

Draft Agenda for EGRC Bureau Calls 18 September

1. Approval of draft agenda (Attachment 1)
2. Draft minutes of Bureau calls of 2 August (Attachment 2)
3. Bureau Restructuring (Attachment 3)
4. UN Reforms and UNFC Revision 2018 (Attachment 4)

5. EGRC meeting 2018
6. Technical Advisory Group update (Attachment 5)
7. Committee on Sustainable Energy 26th Session, Geneva, 26-28 September 2017
8. Promotion and outreach (Attachment 6)
9. Date of next Bureau calls
10. Any other business

Documentation:

1. Draft Agenda for Bureau Calls on 18 September 2017
2. Draft Minutes of 2 August 2017 Bureau Calls
3. Proposed Bureau Structure (with names of WG chairs)
4. UN Secretary General's letter 28 July 2017
5. Minutes of TAG Meeting on 27 July 2017
6. List of events promoting UNFC in 2017–2018 *as at 1 July 2017*

Item 1. Approval of Draft Agenda

Documentation: Draft Agenda for Bureau Calls on 18 September 2017

1. The agenda was approved without changes.

Item 2. Draft minutes of Bureau calls of 2 August

Documentation: Draft minutes of Bureau calls of 2 August 2017

2. It was pointed out that Roger Dixon's name was missing from the attendee list. With this correction, the draft minutes of the calls on 2 August were approved.

Item 3. Bureau Restructuring

Documentation: New Bureau Structure

3. The Chair drew attention to the new bureau structure circulated along with the documentation for the calls. This new structure was also discussed in the previous Bureau calls and was approved in the calls of 2 August.
3. The Chair clarified that this restructuring affects only how the TAG and other Working Groups are reorganized and how the groups report to the Bureau. The Bureau membership will have no changes.
4. The Chair informed that Satinder Purewal has agreed to chair the Petroleum working group and Michael Hashke, the Mineral Working Group. Vitor Correia has expressed his willingness to Chair the Competent Person Task Force. The groups are now under initiation. The primary scope of these Working Groups is to develop respective commodity specifications, guidelines and bridging documents. The working groups should work to promote the actual use of UNFC by various stakeholder groups. They should try to generate projects that can bring extra funding that can support more intense activities like training in the use of UNFC, expert advice to specific projects etc.
5. The Chair informed that a general call could be issued to the EGRC asking expression of interest to join the Working Groups (a survey of members is under preparation). A quarterly newsletter was proposed as a way of keeping EGRC members informed of key developments during the year without overwhelming email in-boxes.

The TAG ToR is also under revision and will be finalized soon.

Item 4. UN Reforms and UNFC Revision 2018

Documentation: UN Secretary General's letter 28 July 2017

6. The Chair drew attention to the UN Secretary General's letter, which was sent out with the documentation for the call. The letter stresses on delivering on peace and security, development and human rights. The development pillar is mainly to support 2030 Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals.

7. The Chair informed that the letter stresses that accountability for results rather than processes. This means that developing standards like UNFC is just not enough. It will have to be seen how UNFC could be used for making a change in resource management.

8. The Chair suggested that the UNFC revision – UNFC for Sustainable Development – will be a right step in this direction. We have to see that UNFC is made more robust to face the challenges resource management faces.

9. The Chair urged all Bureau members to read the letter carefully and come up with ideas on how to make UNFC deliver good outcomes on the ground.

10. The Chair informed that extra-budgetary funding is coming in for UNFC activities, which means that various stakeholders have confidence in UNFC. So it makes it imperative that UNFC delivers on positive outcomes. UNFC revision is intended to kick-start a new process that will make UNFC a true value adding tool.

Item 5. EGRC meeting 2018

11. The Chair informed that the UNECE Resource Management Week 2018 would be held during 23 – 27 April. The ninth session of the EGRC will be held during 24-27 April.

12. The Chair suggested that “UNFC for Sustainable Development” be the theme of the week. Some thought may be directed to how thematic sessions could be organized. Parallel breakout sessions could be attempted if logistics permit.

13. Working Group Chairs should come with suggestions of thematic sessions. Several groups are planning to hold parallel workshops – IAEA, MINEA/Anthropogenic Working Group and smaller meetings by other groups.

14. Working groups also should provide feedback on official documents to be submitted for translation in three languages. All such documents should be submitted latest by 15 January for Bureau review and formatting. English only documents (especially documents with more than 10,000 words) should be submitted by 15 March for Bureau review. Currently, the following official documents are anticipated:

1. Environmental and social guidelines
2. White paper on environmental and social guidelines – Concepts and terminology
3. Anthropogenic specifications
4. Solar energy specifications
5. SDG and UNFC white paper
6. The initial draft/white paper on mineral specifications

7. The initial draft/white paper of petroleum specifications
8. Background note/ White paper on UNFC revision
9. Several case studies

Item 6. Technical Advisory Group update

Documentation: Minutes of TAG Meeting on 27 July 2017

15. Alistair Jones provided an update. Petroleum Working Groups is under activation. The Chinese petroleum bridging document still being reviewed by MLR. A second petroleum case study from Russia under development.
16. Minerals Working Group is under activation. The Chinese mineral bridging document under review by MLR
17. Renewables: Bioenergy specification after public comments have only a few minor changes. It is submitted to the Committee on Sustainable Energy for endorsement. Solar energy specification continues to develop slowly. Publication of Geothermal case studies in six languages approved.
18. Draft specifications for Anthropogenic Resources are now available for public comment, which will be open until 12 October. The Working Groups will hold a workshop in Tutzing, Germany, 16–17 November 2017 to review the comments and finalize the draft. Overall, this work seems to attract good interest with multiple stakeholders. The Committee on Sustainable Energy will have a panel session during 26-28 September. World Resources Forum is holding a workshop in Geneva on a related topic during 24-25 October.

Item 7. Committee on Sustainable Energy 26th Session, Geneva, 26-28 September

19. The Chair informed that the EGRC Work plan 2018-19 and Bioenergy specifications would be submitted for endorsement by the Committee.
20. A panel session on “Energy and materials from waste - potential to use UNFC to classify and manage waste to energy (WTE) projects” will be organized on 27 Sept. Four speakers have confirmed their attendance:
 - Ulrich Kral – Anthropogenic resources WG
 - Michael Haschke, Germany – REE recovery from wastes
 - Shao Yang, Everbright, China – Energy recovery from wastes
 - Richard Fish, USA (Westinghouse)- Energy recovery from wastes
21. The Chair informed that he would chair the session.

Item 8. Promotion and outreach

Documentation: List of events promoting UNFC in 2017–2018 as at 1 September 2017

22. The Chair provided an update on several recent events:
 - Tunde Arisekola participated in Africa Union Commission (AUC) workshop on Africa Mining Vision, Nairobi, Kenya, 14-18 August 2017. Adoption of UNFC in Africa was included as one of the recommendations to African Council of Ministers.

- Hari Tulsidas attended a Workshop on National Mineral Resource and Reserve reporting, 25 August, Ankara. The workshop was organized by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources and with the participation of several CRIRSCO members.
- Hari Tulsidas presented recent changes to UNFC in two IAEA consultancy meetings on 4 September, Vienna.
- Hari attended GeoERA project Stakeholder Council meeting, 5 September, Vienna. The project will be calling proposals for funding in Energy, Raw Materials and Water. Specifically, UNFC and classification and management are included in several thematic areas for which proposals will be invited. Proposals should be trans-boundary, crosscutting and could attract 1-2 million Euro funding each for a total of about 10-12 projects.

Item 9. Date of next Bureau calls

23. The next Bureau meeting will be held during the week of 31 October. The regular availability call will be issued.

Item 10. Any other business

24. The Chair informed that a MoU between UNECE and EFG would be signed shortly. The MoU will be for cooperation for promoting the use of UNFC and deliver capacity building programmes and training courses.

25. The Chair informed that the proposed PRMS revision draft is now available on the SPE website for public comments.

26. Dave Elliot provided an update on the recently held Social and Environmental Task Force call and the plans to submit two documents for the next EGRC session.
