

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

From: Igor Shpurov, Alistair Jones, Charlotte Griffiths and Hari Tulsidas

Conference Call of the Bureau of the Expert Group on Resource Management (EGRM) 22 June 2020 MINUTES
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Attendance 3 pm CET call:

	Present	Apology
Igor Shpurov, Russian Federation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternates Olga Trofimova and Ekaterina Lovchuk		
David MacDonald, EGRM Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tunde Arisekola, Nigeria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hussein Allaboun, Jordan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fatih Birol (alternate tbc), IEA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roger Dixon, CRIRSCO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mücella Ersoy, Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gioia Falcone, IGA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nurangiz Farajullayeva, Azerbaijan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Milan Grohol, EC <i>supported by</i> Gerardo Herrera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TBC, IAEA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Zoltán Horváth, EuroGeoSurveys	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erica Ingvald, Sweden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alistair Jones, EGRM TAG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Kjell Reidar Knudsen, Norway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young Joo Lee, (alternate <u>Dhiti Tulyatid</u>), CCOP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rafal Misztal, Poland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Msoma, AUC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Neumann, EFG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teresa Ponce de Leão	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roberto Sarudiansky, OLAMI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bernard Seiller, SPE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bradley Van Gosen, USA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Charlotte Griffiths, UNECE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Draft Agenda

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1. With agreement from the Bureau, Igor Shpurov, EGRM First Vice-Chair, chaired the call, with support from Alistair Jones, since David MacDonald was unavailable.

Item 1. Approval of Draft Agenda

Documentation: Draft Agenda for Bureau Call on 22 June 2020

2. The agenda was approved without any changes.

Item 2. Draft minutes of call on 5 March 2020

Documentation: Draft minutes of call on 5 March 2020

3. The draft minutes of the call of 5 March were approved without any changes.

Item 3. Bureau issues

4. The Chair noted that the election of the EGRM Bureau was due to be held at EGRM-11 in April 2020. The nominations received for the next term of the Bureau to take over from the close of EGRM-11 were provided in the draft minutes of the 5 March Bureau call.

5. In view that EGRM-11 was postponed due to COVID-19, and there is no distinct possibility to hold a full meeting this year, the Chair proposed that the present Bureau's term be extended until the close of EGRM-12 in April 2021. The proposal to extend the term of the current Bureau for a year would need to be presented to the full EGRM for approval. The EGRM could be advised of the proposal via email and then agreement on the proposal formalised at the “mini-ERGM-11” meeting planned in September.

6. The Chair advised of the options for holding EGRM-11 via a series of informal consultations/meetings and then a "hybrid physical and virtual" meeting in Geneva in September. UNECE member States have agreed that hybrid meetings can be held to make essential business decisions (discussed in detail under Item 4).

7. The Chair noted that many other Expert Groups under the Committee on Sustainable Energy are proposing to adopt a similar arrangement and to “extend” their current Bureaux until the Group next meets in 2021 when an election can be held. Additionally, draft Rules of Procedure/Terms of Reference are being prepared for all the subsidiary bodies (groups of experts) of the Committee on Sustainable Energy, including EGRM. This document will include text related to the election, term and functioning etc. of the Chair and Bureaux of the expert groups.

8. For the next term of the EGRM Bureau, two additional nominations were received
- KAZAKHSTAN - Viktor BABASHEV
- CHINA - Jianhua JU (nomination previously confirmed by the Bureau).

9. The Chair proposed that Mr. Ju and Mr Babashev could be included as observers until they are formally elected.

10. The Bureau agreed to the proposal that the present Bureau's term be extended until the close of EGRM-12 in April 2021. The Bureau agreed that Mr. Ju and Mr Babashev be included as observers until they are formally elected. If EGRM agrees they could be considered for election at the September meeting and officially join the Bureau should they be elected.

Item 4: Rescheduling of EGRM-11

Documentation: Outline for proposed rescheduled EGRM-11

11. The Chair drew attention to the draft outline document proposing a mix of informal virtual meetings and a short official hybrid virtual – physical meeting, which was circulated with the documentation for the call.

12. Due to the pandemic, it is not possible to have a full EGRM session this year. UNECE procedures do not allow for an official meeting to be held online, especially when interpretation services are unavailable. Conference rooms are also not available at the Palais des Nations for a full five-day meeting between now and the end of the year. Moreover, it is

not sure when people will be able to travel freely. Under these uncertainties, it is difficult to plan anything substantial.

13. The Chair proposed that EGRM can have an official hybrid "virtual–physical" meeting during 22-25 September comprising two 2-hour sessions, which will allow EGRM to take some business-critical decisions. This could be held jointly with the UNECE Group of Experts on Renewable Energy (GERE) which is already scheduled to meet in September, hence it is proposed to have a focus on the application of UNFC to renewable energy. The Nuclear WG has also proposed to organize a session in September to provide an update on its activities. Business-critical issues such as the update of the ECOSOC Decision related to UNFC could be discussed and a decision made during the September meeting. The exact date on which this meeting could be held still needs to be confirmed. Currently, suggested dates are 22 September for EGRM - GERE session on renewable energy and 24 September for EGRM admin and Nuclear WG meeting, but this could change. EGRM members will be able to participate in person or virtually.

14. The Chair noted that for other essential EGRM topics, two or three informal virtual sessions could be organised in July, August, and September. The topics selected will be based on EGRM activities for which documentation was prepared for EGRM-11 or which have progress to report. The virtual sessions are not official EGRM meetings. They are for sharing of knowledge and updates on the progress of major initiatives however any conclusions and recommendations arising from those sessions can be fed into the hybrid meeting in September and become an official part of the EGRM-11 meeting report. Teresa Ponce de Leão suggested having a webinar on the impact of COVID-19 (see Item 8 on the activities related to COVID-19).

15. The Bureau agreed to the proposal of rescheduling of EGRM-11 as a series of informal webinars and a short official hybrid physical–virtual session during the week of 22-25 September.

Item 5: EC Extrabudgetary Project: Supporting UNECE in development and implementation of UNFC and UNRMS

Documentation: EC Extrabudgetary Project: Supporting UNECE in development and implementation of UNFC and UNRMS Project Form

16. The Chair noted that the European Commission's (EC) proposal to support the development of UNFC and UNRMS was circulated to the Bureau on 5 May and also included in the documentation for the call. The Chair further noted that EC has proposed to support the UNECE secretariat in the development and implementation of UNFC and UNRMS. The proposal was approved under the Horizon 2020 work programme. The Executive Committee of UNECE approved the project proposal on 29 May. The formal cooperation agreement between EC and UNECE is now being finalised, and it is hoped the project will start soon.

17. Milan Grohol provided further details. The project will support the development of UNFC and UNRMS for a period of 4 years from June 2020 to May 2024. However, many of the tasks and deliverables will be fast-tracked for delivery within three years so that UNFC and UNRMS tools will be available as early as possible for countries to use.

18. Milan Grohol advised that EC recognises the importance of UNFC and UNRMS for governmental reporting and resource management activities. Through the implementation of UNFC and UNRMS, it is expected that useful disaggregated data on natural resource endowments will be available for policymakers to take decisions. EC support of the development of one unified platform for the management of resources, especially minerals and anthropogenic resources, and its global implementation. The project will support outreach not only within the EU and its neighbours but also with other UN Member States. Important deliverables of the project include:

- Fully functional UNFC and UNRMS
- Regional application guidelines including raw material-focused UNFC for Europe
- Case studies on UNFC and UNRMS
- The prototype of an integrated resource information system with an emphasis on raw materials
- Coordination and outreach with stakeholders
- Support to UNFC for Africa (AMREC)
- Organising workshops on UNFC and UNRMS
- Development of training materials
- Organising training courses
- Launching Centres of Excellence in Sustainable Resource Management (ICE-SRM) with a focus on raw materials in two EU countries.

19. The Chair thanked Milan for his inputs and DG GROW for the substantial financial support provided for the development of UNFC and UNRMS.

Item 6: Generic ICE-SRM MoU

Documentation: ICE-SRM – Criteria for Designation and ToR

20. A draft generic MoU for the establishment of ICE-SRMs was circulated with the documentation for this call. For ease of reference, the ICE-SRM Designation Criteria and ToR as commented on and agreed by the Bureau in November 2019 was also circulated.

21. The Chair noted that the concept of the International Centres of Excellence in Sustainable Resource Management (ICE-SRM) has been under discussion for the past year

- The European Commission supported the idea in the UNFC project it is funding and that was discussed under Item 5.
- The Russian Federation plans to host an ICE-SRM for the CIS Region in Moscow in partnership with GKZ, Moscow State University and UNECE.
- China has indicated interest to host an ICE-SRM under the leadership of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and in partnership with UNECE.
- Interest for ICE-SRMs has also been shown by CNH Mexico, and CCOP for East and South East Asia.

22. UNECE had reviewed the work of existing ICEs operating in different areas of UNECE activities, e.g. public-private partnerships, coal mine methane, high-performance buildings and sustainable housing. There is a need for a transparent, rigorous and common standard for all ICEs. The process of establishing MoUs generally is also being streamlined in UNECE. Any ICE-SRM established would need to deliver to the highest standards in terms of its

work, outputs, governance and reporting. Hence, a draft text for the generic MoU for establishing ICE-SRMs is proposed.

23. The Bureau previously commented and agreed on the Generic Terms of Reference for ICE-SRM and the generic criteria for designating an ICE-SRM. The generic MoU text complements these two other documents and will ensure the needed rigour and oversight in the establishment and operation of an ICE-SRM.

24. The Chair and Ekaterina Lovchuk informed that the ICE-SRM in Russian Federation is under active consideration. A meeting is planned towards the end of June to discuss the formalities with Moscow State University. The objective of the ICE-SRM will be to support implementation of UNFC in CIS countries. There will be active engagement with the Eurasia Economic Committee. The Chair noted that the objective of this ICE-SRM would be to drive investments and to address social responsibility.

25. Yang Hua advised that the proposal to establish an ICE-SRM in China is also under serious consideration and the Ministry of Natural Resources stands ready to support and establish an MoU with UNECE. MNR is also cooperating with CCOP in sustainable resource management activities.

26. In the ensuing discussions, Teresa Ponce de Leão proposed that EuroGeoSurveys (EGS) should cooperate in this initiative. Zoltan Horváth agreed that EGS should engage with the proposed ICE-SRMs. He advised that many geological surveys of Europe are engaged in the GeoERA programme, which is very active in applying UNFC. Teresa noted that the Latin American Geological Surveys are also interested in UNFC.

27. Bernard Seiller, referring to the Terms of Reference, observed that certification of Competent Persons (CPs) might be a difficult task for ICE-SRMs to deliver on. Milan Grohol noted that the issue of CPs is not a priority now for EC. It could be addressed at a future date when UNFC is fully implemented. Hence the reference to CPs should not be included in the ToRs for the ICE-SRMs in EU. Teresa also agreed that it would not be useful for the EU at the moment. Michael Neumann supported that it would be useful to have the CP system to bring quality to the work, not just for financial reporting. The Chair noted that CP rules are essential for Russia, as the objective is to drive investments. The secretariat clarified that training, including certification of experts, is just one among several activities that could be included in the ToR of a particular ICE-SRM. It is not a mandatory aspect of ICE-SRM work. The Chair concluded the discussions by saying that capacity building and training of experts in general in the use of UNFC is essential and could be considered by ICE-SRMs as appropriate. It was noted that the issue of certification and competent persons in the context of UNFC and EGRM continues to be a topic that generates discussion.

28. No comments were raised in particular on the text of the generic ICE-MoU and it was approved by the Bureau.

Item 7: ECOSOC Decision 2004/233 Update

Documentation: Draft ECOSOC Decision 2004/233 Update

29. The Chair drew attention to the proposed draft text of a revised ECOSOC 2004/233 decision, which was circulated with the documentation for the call. This matter was also discussed in the Bureau call on 5 March. The key change to the text is the deletion of

wording relating to resource management. This needed to be removed since UNRMS is not yet developed.

30. The Chair noted that the 2004 ECOSOC Decision for universal application of UNFC needs to be updated in view of the many changes to UNFC that have been introduced since 2009. The decision needs to also reflect the updated name of UNFC as well of its expanded use in several natural resource sectors. The proposed text needs to be approved by the official EGRM-11 meeting in September. The agreed text will then need to be submitted to the Committee on Sustainable Energy at its meeting in November. Any text agreed to by the Committee would then go to the Executive Committee for approval and following that to the UNECE Commission session in April 2021. Subsequently, it would be submitted to ECOSOC for review and consideration by all UN Member States.

31. The Bureau approved the draft text, and request it be translated into French and Russian and circulated to EGRM and presented to EGRM-11 for approval.

Item 8: EGRM response to COVID-19

32. The Chair noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has had and continues to have a devastating impact on the world's economy - the extent and duration of the repercussions become increasingly unknowable. It is an urgent imperative to get the world's economies back to work. Jobs, health, security, food, investments all depend on us getting back to work, though all the while ensuring that we do not relaunch the pandemic in the process.

33. The UN has made responding to COVID-19 a priority and has been delivering support on many fronts including in

- addressing raw material supply chain disruptions that impact the health care sector
- provisioning of essential services such as food, water, energy and raw materials
- supporting the revitalisation of Micro Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) and availability of jobs.

34. Hari further informed on the urgent actions taken by UNECE in response to the COVID-19 pandemic related to UNFC and UNRMS which include:

- (a) Press Release (PR) on 17 April "Securing critical raw materials supply is key to the response to COVID-19", with a quote from the Executive Secretary. This PR emphasised that UNFC and UNRMS can be used to build consistent data and information on critical raw materials from conventional and unconventional sources, to support the health care sectors and green technologies. A link to the PR was shared with the Bureau.
- (b) UNECE is participating in the UNDA project "Global Initiative towards the post-COVID-19 resurgence of the MSME sector" As part of this project, a report on "Guidelines and Best Practices for MSMEs to assure resiliency and progress towards a circular economy in sustainable resource management and critical raw material supply chain solutions" is being developed.
- (c) Two further studies are planned to start immediately (i) Women entrepreneurship in natural resource management: Challenges and opportunities for the MSME sector in the post-COVID-19 socio-economic recovery; and (ii) The impact of COVID-19 on critical raw material supplies needed for the healthcare sector.

35. These studies will be accompanied by virtual workshops that will provide best practice guidelines, advisories, methodologies, tools and insights for governments and industry, especially MSMEs, to overcome the challenges of the COVID-19 impact.

Item 9: Technical Advisory Group update

36. Alistair provided an update on TAG activities:

Renewable WG: The discussions regarding the new Chair will be finalised soon. The Hydro and Marine Subgroup is now active with Gioia Falcone as Chair. The first call was organised on 11 June. The Solar sub-group is working on a document on how the solar specifications could be used, and case studies are under development.

Petroleum WG: The Petroleum WG had a meeting on 28 May. The draft Petroleum Specifications have been finalised and are now with the TAG for final review. Once this is completed, the document may be made available for public comments and comment by SPE OGRC. Following recent updates of both UNFC and SPE PRMS, the Petroleum WG and SPE OGRC will start to address the update of the UNFC-PRMS Bridging document.

Minerals WG: Draft specifications are under finalisation and WG review. The work of the WG is somewhat delayed because of COVID.

Groundwater WG: Work is progressing with the development of specifications. The WG has developed a note on "Issues and Challenges regarding the application of UNFC (2019) to groundwater resources." The Group organised calls on 23 April and 10 June.

Commercial WG: The WG remains active on delivering on its WP. The Group had calls on 13 May and 10 June.

Nuclear WG: Remains active and is finalising the report on "Role of Nuclear Energy in Sustainable Development: Entry Pathways".

Social and Environmental WG: The WG is developing an updated guidelines document.

37. The Chair thanked the TAG for its ongoing work during the challenging COVID period.

Item 10. Carbon neutrality project

38. As discussed during the 5 March Bureau call, the extrabudgetary project "Enhancing understanding of the implications and opportunities of moving to carbon neutrality in the UNECE region across the power and energy-intensive industries by 2050" has started. This project is being implemented under the Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Systems and is funded jointly by the US Department of Energy/US Energy Association and the World Nuclear Association.

39. The objective of the project is to enhance understanding of the implications of and opportunities for moving to carbon neutrality in the UNECE region across the power and energy-intensive industries by 2050. The project will look into various technologies such as

“cleaner” coal, gas, nuclear energy, hydrogen and energy efficiency. Some of the work of the EGRM Nuclear WG has relevance to this project.

40. Gioia is the EGRM focal point for this project. During the 5 March Bureau call it was proposed that Gioia would establish a small Task Force of interested EGRM members because of the number of areas of EGRM work that are relevant for the project. An introductory workshop for the project was held virtually on 19 and 20 May. Gioia participated and made a very valuable contribution. Other significant activities will be initiated in the coming months.

41. Gioia underlined that inputs and feedback from EGRM would be welcome. A workshop for the project will be organised as part of the 22-25 September series of meetings.

Item 11. Pathways to Sustainable Energy Project – recommendations from EGRM

42. The project "[Pathways to Sustainable Energy: Accelerating Energy Transition in the UNECE Region](#)" was completed in 2019. The final report of the project "Pathways to Sustainable Energy: Accelerating Energy Transition in the UNECE Region" (ECE Energy Series 67 and ECE/ENERGY/131), is available on the UNECE website in English and Russian: <https://www.unece.org/energy/pathwaystose.html>.

43. The Committee on Sustainable Energy has asked for policy recommendations resulting from the project for adoption at its 29th session (November 2020). EGRM has already contributed many good points in the discussions during the project. These points could be developed as a concise draft paper by the TAG and circulated to the Bureau for additions/modifications.

44. The Chair requested the Bureau to provide further inputs for the development of the draft EGRM paper to be submitted to the Committee. The document has to be finalised before mid-September. The draft document will be circulated as soon as possible.

Item 12. Sustainable Energy Division Strategic Review

45. The Committee on Sustainable Energy is preparing a draft paper that sets forth UNECE's strategic approach to helping its member States meet their commitments to the 2030 Agenda and the Paris climate agreement. The draft paper addresses the region's challenges and objectives with products and activities that deliver measurable and concrete results in the near term with enduring impact.

46. The preliminary draft of this paper was developed collectively by the Chairs of the Expert Groups. In the absence of Dave, Alistair and Sigurd provided initial inputs regarding UNFC and UNRMS. Gioia was also invited to contribute but was unable to join the meeting.

47. Alistair advised that the Bureau of the Committee would review the paper in the coming weeks. After Bureau review, the paper is expected to be available for broader review among all the Expert Groups.

Item 13. Promoting gender participation in Resource Management

Documentation: Bio of Maria Capella; Bio of Cristina Robinson

48. The EGRM Work Plan 2020-2021 includes the activity on "Promoting gender participation in resource management," subject to availability of extrabudgetary resources. The objective is to explore how resource management can help attain SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. The deliverables include:

- (a) Policy dialogue(s) on promoting gender participation in resource management
- (b) A network of women engaged in resource management projects
- (c) Recommendations on mainstreaming gender in resource management.

49. Charlotte noted that there is significant interest in and enthusiasm to deliver on this activity. It is proposed to establish a "Women in Resource Management Working Group" under the TAG (the exact name of the WG might change). Maria Angela Capello, Executive Consultant at Kuwait Oil Company and Cristina Robinson, SPE Swiss Chair, have volunteered to be co-chairs of the WG. CVs of both were circulated as part of the documents for the call.

50. Maria is an executive consultant at Kuwait Oil Company, has published 87 technical articles and is the lead author of two books: *Learned in the Trenches – Insights on Leadership and Resilience* (2018) and *"Mentoring and Sponsoring: Keys to Success"* (2020). She was the first woman to supervise seismic crews in the jungles of Venezuela, to advance a career that spans three continents, shaping her characteristic insightful and multicultural perspective. She will be knighted in 2020 as "Cavaliere dell' Ordine della Stella d'Italia", a civil honour bestowed by the President of Italy to expatriates who have made outstanding contributions to national prestige abroad.

51. Cristina works for Saipem UK Ltd and is Chair of SPE Swiss Section. She has helped to organise the EGRM and SPE lunch-time events for many years. She has over twenty years experience across the Oil & Gas and Natural Resources sectors encompassing multiple commercial activities including business development, key account management and market growth strategy.

52. The Bureau approved the formation of the Women in Resource Management Working Group and confirmed Maria and Cristina as Co-chairs and thanked them for their willingness to take on the role.

Item 14. Update on UNDA Project on Integrated energy and water resource management in support of sustainable development in South-East Europe and Central Asia

53. The Chair advised that the UN Development Account supported project for implementation of UNFC in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan is progressing. The project has developed assessment reports on the classification and management of energy and water resources in these 4 countries. Workshops were held in Astana and Geneva last year. Details of the project and events held are available on the [project website](https://www.unece.org/energy/welcome/areas-of-work/unfc-and-sustainable-resource-management/projects/integrated-energy-and-water-resource-management-project.html) at: <https://www.unece.org/energy/welcome/areas-of-work/unfc-and-sustainable-resource-management/projects/integrated-energy-and-water-resource-management-project.html>.

54. Hari noted that in May, the project initiated four case studies on integrated energy and water resource management using UNFC in the 4 project beneficiary countries. Some of the funds available in the project will be used for COVID-19 response. As mentioned previously, a study on "The impact of COVID-19 on critical raw material supplies needed for the healthcare sector" will be initiated shortly under this project.

Item 15. Education and outreach

Documentation: List of events promoting UNFC in 2019–2020 as at 2 March 2020

55. The Chair informed that the list of meetings promoting UNFC in 2020 was circulated with the documentation for the call. Due to COVID-19, many of the events planned this year have been cancelled or postponed. Several meetings have been converted to virtual events. Bureau members were requested to provide details of virtual or other events that should be included in the list.

Item 16. Date of next Bureau Call

56. The next Bureau call will be organised during the weeks of 20 or 27 July. The usual doodle poll will be circulated.

Item 17. Any other business

57. No other business was discussed.
