

**To:** Members of TAG  
**From:** Alistair Jones, TAG Chair

<b>Technical Advisory Group Meeting</b> <b>26th March 2019</b> <b>MINUTES</b>
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*Attendees:* Alistair Jones (Chair), Karin Ask, Charlotte Griffiths, Sigurd Heiberg, Julian Hilton, Ulrich Kral, Michael Neumann, Hari Tulsidas

*Apologies:* Frank Denelle, Marco Petitta, Satinder Purewal

**Approval of draft agenda**

Document: Draft agenda

1. The draft agenda was approved.

**Minutes of previous TAG meeting**

Document: Draft minutes TAG Call 12Feb2019

2. The draft minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 meeting were approved.

**Matters arising**

3. Status of actions from the last TAG call:

*Action 1: Alistair will draft a presentation on the UNFC update for discussion at the March TAG call*

Completed. Discussed under item 7.

*Action 2: The secretariat will develop a slide template and Alistair will send out to TAG members before the March TAG call.*

Completed.

*Action 3: Alistair will draft a TAG annual report presentation and send to members before the March TAG call.*

Completed. Discussed under item 9.

4. Status of agreement from last call: TAG agreed to discuss the draft concept note being developed by the SDG Working Group, at the next call, as part of a wider TAG discussion of the UNRMS. This was discussed under item 5.

**UNRMS: discussion of Concept Note and TAG views on UNRMS**

Document: Draft UNRMS concept Final

5. TAG shared comments on the draft document from the SDG Working Group. There was broad support for the document and the vision it describes. The scope of comments and discussion included:

- Whether circular economy applies to energy
- Bringing out, more strongly, Capital Markets as users
- Whether UNRMS will absorb and replace UNFC, or whether these will be separate tools
- The importance of establishing confidence in UNRMS as a process and in those applying it, including consideration of Competent Persons and Governance
- Whether zero waste is an appropriate vision or a vision of an optimal recycling rate

- Request to replace the term “Geological Knowledge” with a more widely-applicable term
- Suggestions about the way forward in defining scope and developing the design and superstructure (section8)

6. It was agreed that comments would be sent to Julian and Hari, and that these would either be included in an updated draft or recorded and made available for future consideration.

**Action 1:** TAG members will email any comments on the UNRMS concept document to Julian and Hari by 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Action 2:** Alistair will confirm TAG support for presentation of the UNRMS concept document at EGRM-10 to the Bureau by end 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **UNFC draft update**

Document: TAG\_Comments\_on\_UNFC\_Update\_draft190319

7. TAG agreed to presentation of the document at EGRM-10.

8. The secretariat will advise on whether to combine this with the TAG annual report, or to present as a separate document during the discussion on the UNFC Update.

### **TAG annual report and organisation**

Document: TAG\_annual\_report\_EGRC-10\_draft190325

9. TAG agreed to presentation of the document at EGRM-10.

10. Alistair commented the further refinement of the presentation document would be useful, including clarification of challenges and issues. He also invited any further comments.

**Action 3:** TAG will email any additional comments to Alistair by 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Action 4:** Alistair will email to TAG an updated draft presentation and a draft report by 9<sup>th</sup> April

11. The secretariat explained that a proposal to rename the TAG as the Technical Coordination Group (TCG) is being considered

12. Some TAG members suggested that it would be appropriate to include the Chairs of other working Groups in the TAG/TCG.

### **Status of Working Group documents and presentations for at EGRC-10**

13. The AWG Terms of Reference has been drafted. It will be finalised and sent for TAG comment shortly.

14. Preparation of presentations from Commodity Working Groups are largely on track. It is unclear whether there will be a presentation from IWG, partly because of the challenge of clarifying the way forward.

15. Alistair emphasised the importance of including comments in each commodity presentation on application: the status of current application, the vision for full application, what it will take to achieve that vision. He emphasised that it would be helpful for the Expert Group to understand the current position even if, in some cases, there are concerns about lack of application or barriers to moving forward.

16. For nuclear resources, an effective approach for effective working with governments and national bodies is being developed. This could be described in the NWG presentation at EGRM-10.
  17. The draft Minerals Specifications and Guidelines document is a bit behind the planned schedule and will not be completed in time for TAG review before EGRM-10. It is expected that the document (or key chapters) will be completed and reviewed by the MWG. This will be presented as a room document.
  18. (Information on PWG was emailed separately by Satinder, who was unable to attend the call). Several sections of the Petroleum Specifications & Guidelines have been drafted. It is expected that 80% coverage of the key chapters 3 and 4 will be achieved by EGRM-10.
  19. The document on global Petroleum classification schemes has been reviewed by PWG and will be sent to the Secretariat this week.
  20. The Mexico Pilot paper has been translated into Spanish and has been delivered to UNECE for upload onto the website (as an unofficial copy). Two abstracts based on the Mexico Pilot, submitted to SPE ATCE for presentation in Calgary in 2019, have been accepted.
  21. A PWG telecom is being planned during week of 1st April subject to availability of members
  22. The report by CWG on Commercial Assessments was sent to TAG for review on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Comments have been provided by PWG. Other TAG members are asked to send any comments both to Sigurd and Alistair. The report will be finalised, following comments from TAG and Bureau, by 12<sup>th</sup> April.
- Action 5:** TAG members will send any comments on the Commercial Assessments report both to Sigurd and Alistair by 28<sup>th</sup> March for Alistair to consolidate and send to the Bureau and to Sigurd.

**Next meeting**

23. The next meeting will be face-to-face in Geneva, during week of EGRM-10 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019. A poll will be sent out to check availability.