

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

<b>Technical Advisory Group Meeting</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019</b> <b>MINUTES</b>
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*Attendees:* Alistair Jones (Chair), Frank Denelle, Johann Gotsis (part only), Sigurd Heiberg, David MacDonald (EGRM Chair, part only), Hari Tulsidas, Julian Hilton (part only), Marco Petitta (only able to listen), Satinder Purewal

*Apologies:* Karin Ask, David Elliott, Charlotte Griffiths, Ulrich Kral

**Approval of draft agenda**

Document: Draft agenda

1. The draft agenda was approved.

**Minutes of previous TAG meeting**

Document: Draft minutes TAG Call 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019

2. The draft minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 meeting were approved.

**Matters arising**

3. Status of actions

From the TAG call on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019:

*Action 4: Alistair will discuss the suggestion of representation from each WG on the CPTF with the Bureau chair and the Chair of the CPTF.* Alistair had discussed this suggestion with the EGRM Chair. They agreed that WGs are very welcome to propose a representative to join the Competent Persons Task Force (CPTF) to the Chair of CPTF (Vitor Coriea). However, it is not necessary to have every WG represented and there will be opportunity for EGRM to review any recommendations from CPTF. Competent Person is not fundamental to UNFC but is an optional approach for good implementation. It is likely to be part of UNRMS. Action closed.

From the TAG call on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019

*Action 1: Alistair will summarise Working Group plans and any issues shared, by 28<sup>th</sup> June.* This was completed (see also discussion item below). Action closed.

*Action 2: Alistair will send out the draft UNFC update and each WG will send consolidated feedback to Alistair from their WG by Fri 28th June.* This was completed (see also discussion item below). Action closed.

*Action 3: Each WG will consider joining the group to draft the UNRMS outline statement, or invite representation from their WG. Please respond to Alistair by 28th June.* See discussion item below. Action closed.

*Action 4: Frank, Johann (or someone from MWG), Sigurd will review the AMREC document. A reviewer is also requested from PWG.* The review team is in place (see also discussion item below). Action closed.

## Review of AMREC documents

Document: UNFC Revision and AMREC Status.msg

Questions had been raised on the current status of the AMREC documents, which are based on a unique and modified version of the UNFC. The EGRM Chair had addressed these concerns in an email, circulated to TAG. Two extracts from the email guidance are included here “*AMDC has chosen to embed the revised version of the UNFC into the AMREC document itself. When building regulations based on a standard – an entity has three choices – 1) refer to the standard and all updates to it; 2) refer to a specific version of the standard; or 3) embed the standard into the regulation itself.*” “*AMREC is a huge step forward for Africa and the EGRM. We have supported the AMDC throughout the development of this draft, with them continuously asking for help and guidance. We should continue to support the AMDC in their work and advertise this as a great accomplishment for our expert group and the UNFC.*”

4. This guidance was accepted, and the AMREC initiative was very much welcomed by TAG. Some concerns were expressed about ensuring consistency between AMREC and the next, and any subsequent versions of UNFC. Ideally the development of AMREC and the UNFC would keep in step. However, there is a window of opportunity for AMREC development which AMD wish to take.
5. TAG review of the AMREC document is in progress. Comments have been received from PWG. Other reviewers are Frank (lead) and Sigurd. Johan will also contribute if he has sufficient time.
6. It is recommended that an MoU be developed between AUC and UNECE. This will be considered by the Secretariat.

## UNFC update

Document: WG comments on UNFC update 190715

7. Alistair had compiled feedback on the UNFC update received from WGs, and sent these to the EGRM Chair and the Secretariat.
8. The EGRM Chair commented that this feedback included some suggestions for significant changes. The EGRM had previously agreed that the current revision would focus on common terminology and minor changes. The EGRM chair left the meeting at this point.
9. TAG agreed that it would be helpful to involve a small group, representative of the WGs, to agree the UNFC update, as discussed at the 2019 EGRM annual meeting.

**Action 1:** At the next Bureau call, Alistair will recommend that a small group, representative of the WGs, assist in agreeing the UNFC update.

## Working Group Plans

Document: WG workplan\_draft190717

10. Alistair had compiled and sent out a draft summary of WG plans, from the discussion at the previous TAG call. Some feedback had been received and incorporated in an update.

**Action 2:** WG chairs are requested to provide any corrections and updates to the WG Workplan, including timing of milestones/deliverables by early on 29<sup>th</sup> July, and before if possible. Alistair will update the document and share the plans at the next Bureau call.

### **UNRMS development**

11. Frank, Sigurd and Alistair volunteered to assist in preparing a short document outlining UNRMS, requested by EGRM.

12. It was suggested that other TAG members provide feedback on an initial draft.

**Action 3:** At the next Bureau call Alistair will propose Frank, Sigurd and Alistair to assist in preparing a short document outlining UNRMS. He will also propose that TAG is asked to provide feedback on an initial draft.

13. Julian gave an interesting update on paper in Nature on resource management and the support of authors for the EGRM work.

**Action 4:** Julian will share a paper from Nature on resource management and contact details for the group working on this at the university of London.

### **Funding**

14. It was agreed funding continues to be an urgent issue. It was proposed that, to make the funding case compelling, EGRM should identify what activities cannot be pursued unless funding is available.

**Action 5:** At the next Bureau meeting, Alistair will share the TAG view that, to make the funding case compelling, EGRM should identify what activities cannot be pursued unless funding is available.

### **Cooperation/collaboration between WGs**

15. Several areas were identified where cooperation or collaboration between WGs may be helpful:

- social and environmental specifications & guidelines
- commercial specifications and guidelines,
- identification and development of common elements and structure of documents e.g. in Minerals and Petroleum specifications, and in Renewables specifications.

16. One particular challenge for EGRM is to maintain consistency. The current mechanism to achieve this is through the review process. This is becoming increasingly demanding as the scope of UNRMS increases.

17. It was agreed that the most efficient way of managing cooperation/collaboration is for WG chairs to request input where/when appropriate. To be effective WGs are asked to share early versions of documents with TAG, not for full review, but to give an opportunity for input.

### **Next meeting**

18. Alistair will send out a poll for the next call. Potential dates are during the week of 26<sup>th</sup> August. (The next available date week would be in late September, but it was considered important to hold a call before the next meeting of the Committee on Sustainable Energy.)