

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

From: David MacDonald and Charlotte Griffiths

Meeting of the Bureau of the Expert Group on Resource Classification (EGRC) Geneva, Switzerland – 28 April 2016 MINUTES
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Present:

1. David MacDonald (Chair)
2. Tunde Arisekola (NGSA)
3. Karin Ask (petroleum sector)
4. Roger Dixon (CRIRSCO)
5. David Elliott (financial reporting sector)
6. Mucella Ersoy (Turkish Coal Enterprises)
7. Nathan Frisbee *representing* Fatih Birol (IEA)
8. Kjell Reidar Knudsen (Norwegian Petroleum Directorate)
9. Michael Lynch-Bell (solid minerals and financial reporting sectors)
10. Jim Ross (petroleum sector)
11. Bernard Seiller (SPE)
12. Slavko Solar (European Commission)
13. Hari Tulsidas (IAEA)
14. Danny Trotman (financial reporting)
15. Brad Van Gosen (USGS)
16. Charlotte Griffiths (UNECE)

*Observer*

17. John Etherington (TAG Chair, *observer*)

Apologies:

1. Fatih Birol (IEA)
2. Gioia Falcone (geothermal and academia)
3. Igor Shpurov (First Vice Chair, GKZ Russian Federation)
4. John Ritter (SPEE)
5. Adichat Surinkum (CCOP)
6. Narendra Verma (petroleum sector)

**Draft Agenda**

1. Approval of draft agenda
2. Bureau
3. Conclusions and recommendations for EGRC Seventh Session
4. Geothermal specifications
5. SEEA update
6. Outreach
7. Update on cooperation with OPEC
8. Any other business

**Item 1. Approval of Draft Agenda**

1. The agenda was adopted without amendment.

**Item 2. Bureau**

2. The Chair congratulated the Bureau members on their election on 27 April. The new Bureau will take over from the close of the seventh session.

**Item 3. Conclusions and recommendations for EGRC seventh session**

3. The draft conclusions and recommendations for the seventh session were reviewed. Bureau members had no comments. The Chair noted that he would revise the draft conclusion on the definition of a project in relation to UNFC in line with the discussions at the meeting. The revised text will be presented to the EGRC on 29 April for consideration.

**Item 4. Geothermal specifications**

4. The draft geothermal specifications were discussed, in particular in relation to whether the 12 case studies currently included as part of the document should be issued separately. It was agreed that the case studies do not form part of the specifications and should be published as a separate document.

**Item 5: SEEA update**

5. The Bureau discussed the session held that afternoon on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting for Energy (SEEA-Energy) and its adoption of UNFC. The need to revert to the World Bank to advise the authors of the study “The Extractive Industries Sector: Essentials for Economists, Public Finance Professionals, and Policy Makers” that the SEEA has adopted UNFC was raised.

**Item 6: Outreach**

6. The IAEA and UNECE interregional training course held in Luxor in October 2015 was discussed. The IAEA representative clarified the nature of the certificates that were issued to participants. The certificates confirmed participation in the training course. They did not, however certify the participant as being competent in the use of UNFC.

7. The plan of the Communications Sub-Committee to hold UNFC webinars was discussed. The need to ensure well organized events with high quality presentations was emphasized.

**Item 7: Update on cooperation with OPEC**

8. The Chair advised that the Executive Secretary had received a response from the OPEC Secretary General to his letter of 18 February 2015 in which he encouraged OPEC re-engagement and extended an invite to the EGRC seventh session. The OPEC Secretary General in his response advised that OPEC did not wish to reengage on UNFC nor would an OPEC representative attend the EGRC seventh session. A meeting was provisionally scheduled in Vienna on 26 April between the UNECE Executive Secretary and the OPEC Secretary General but this did not materialize.

8. The Chair noted that he spoke with an OPEC representative at the SPE ATW held in Dubai the week of 18 April and she had expressed an interest in UNFC and potentially attending the EGRC seventh session. The Chair also met with representatives from ADNOC and Kuwait National Oil Company and discussed UNFC with both companies.

**Item 8. Any other business**

9. No issues were raised.

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