

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

From: David MacDonald, Charlotte Griffiths and Harikrishnan Tulsidas

Conference Call of the Bureau of the Expert Group on Resource Management (EGRM) 12 April 2021 MINUTES

Attendance 3 pm CEST call:

	Present	Apology
David MacDonald, EGRM Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Igor Shpurov, Russian Federation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Alternates Olga Trofimova and Ekaterina Lovchuk</i>		
Tunde Arisekola, Nigeria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hussein Allaboun, Jordan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Viktor Babashev, Kazakhstan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fatih Birol, IEA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Alternate tbc</i>		
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Alternate Gerardo Herrera</i>		
TBC, IAEA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Zoltán Horváth, EuroGeoSurveys <i>supported by Slavko Solar, EuroGeoSurveys</i>	<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"/>
JU Jianhua, China	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Alternate YANG Hua</i>		
Branka Knežević, Bosnia and Herzegovina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Young Joo Lee, (alternate Dhiti Tulyatid), CCOP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rafal Misztal, Poland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TBC, 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"/>
Charlotte Griffiths, UNECE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hari Tulsidas, UNECE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Draft Agenda

1. Approval of Draft Agenda
2. EGRM-12
3. Any other business

Documentation:

1. Bureau nominations as at 9 April 2021
2. Revised outline for UNECE Resource Management Week 2021
3. Draft Conclusions & Recommendations for EGRM-12 v2

Item 1. Approval of Draft Agenda

1. The Chair noted that the call would focus only on issues related to the organization of EGRM-12, 26-30 April. The agenda was approved.

Item 2. EGRM-12

Documentation: List of Bureau nominations as at 9 April (attachment 1); Revised outline for UNECE Resource Management Week 2021(attachment 2); Draft Conclusions & Recommendations V2 (attachment 3)

2. The Chair noted that work is quickly progressing to organize the UNECE Resource Management Week 2021 under the theme "Enabling sustainability principles in resource management." All documents are now finalized and posted to the meeting web page. Many thanks to all who contributed, and particular thanks to Alistair for his significant efforts with the document review process, which represented a very significant work load. Some additional room documents are still under preparation.

3. An updated list of the Bureau nominations as at 9 April was circulated a few days earlier. The current status is:

- United States: Mr. David MACDONALD nominated for re-election as Chair
- Russian Federation: Mr. Igor SHPUROV nominated for re-election as First Vice Chair
- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Ms. Branka KNEŽEVIĆ (elected in 2020)
- Kazakhstan: Mr. Viktor BABASHEV (elected in 2020)
- Poland: Mr. Rafal Misztal nominated for re-election
- Portugal: Prof. Teresa Ponce de Leão nominated for re-election
- Sweden: Ms. Erika INGVALD nominated for re-election
- Turkey: Ms. Mucella ERSOY nominated for re-election
- United Kingdom: Ms. Karen HANGJOJ new nomination
- Australia: Mr. Andrew CROSS new nomination
- China: Mr. Jianhua JU (elected in 2020)
- Jordan: Mr. Hussein Allaboun nominated for re-election
- Mexico: Mr. Ulises NERI new nomination
- Nigeria: Mr. Tunde ARISEKOLA nominated for re-election
- European Commission: Mr. Milan GROHOL nominated for re-election
- European Federation of Geologists (EFG): Mr. Michael NEUMANN nominated for re-election
- EuroGeoSurveys (EGS): Mr. Zoltán HORVÁTH nominated for re-election
- CCOP: Mr. Young Joo LEE nominated for re-election
- CRIRSCO: Mr. Roger DIXON nominated for re-election

- International Geothermal Association (IGA): Professor Gioia FALCONE nominated for re-election
- Latin American Mining Organization (OLAMI): Mr. Luis LOPEZ new nomination
- Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE): Mr. Bernard SEILLER nominated for re-election
- Technical Advisory Group (TAG): Dr. Alistair JONES nominated for re-election

4. The Bureau agreed that should nominations be received from Norway, Serbia, United States, African Union Commission and IAEA, they could be put forward for consideration by EGRM. If needed, EGRM could approve a seat on the Bureau to be filled when the representative's name is advised.

5. The SPE representative proposed having a representative from the financial community. The representative from Kazakhstan suggested having representatives from industry and the banking sector. The secretariat will continue to follow up on the nominations to be confirmed. The list of nominations will be circulated to UNECE member States later this week – 10 days prior to the meeting - in line with standard practice.

6. The Chair noted that the draft week overview was circulated with the documentation for the call. Because of the COVID-19 situation and ongoing restrictions in place, the meeting will be 99% virtual. A maximum of 5 participants are currently allowed in the meeting room at the Palais des Nations. The Week has been planned as a series of virtual "webinar" type sessions of 2 hours each:

- Opening session: Enabling sustainability principles in resource management
- Workshop Application of UNFC to Renewable Energy
- UNFC and UNRMS to support "build back better" from Covid-19 pandemic
- New UNFC specifications and ESG-focused investments
- Towards circularity in resource production and use
- Critical Raw Materials: The driver for the new low-carbon economy
- A global action plan on sustainable resource management
- A new social contract on natural resources: Women in Resource Management
- UNFC in action: Progress towards a modern view on resource management
- Concluding session: Sustainable Resource Management in the UN Decade of Action

7. All sessions will be interpreted. To do this, the UNDA XB project on integrated water and energy resource management is being incorporated into EGRM-12. The ordering of the sessions in the timeline shared may vary depending on the availability of speakers. To the extent possible, the same start times in the mornings and afternoons will be kept: 10-midday and 15-17.00 hours CET/Geneva time. The ordering of the sessions in the timeline shared may vary depending on the availability of speakers. The Chair asked for comments and suggestion for speakers and chairs of sessions. Teresa, Igor, Gioia and Erika volunteered to chair some of the sessions.

8. The Chair noted that a revised draft of the conclusions and recommendations for EGRM-12 as at 9 April was circulated with the documentation for the call. Alistair advised that the revised text reflects important feedback received from the TAG and Working Group Chairs. These draft conclusions and recommendations need to be sent to UNECE member States and posted to the website 10 days before the meeting so by 15 April. No further comments were received from the Bureau members.

9. A Bureau call was proposed during the Resource Management Week on 29 April (Thursday) at 1 pm CEST to address any issues related to the draft conclusions and recommendations for EGRM-12.

Item 3. Any other business

10. No other business was discussed.
