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Strategic Review of the Sustainable Energy Subprogramme



Timeline of the Review

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- At the request of the Committee, the Chairs of the Expert Groups drafted a strategic review of the energy subprogramme and presented it to the Committee at its 29th session.
- The Committee took note of the draft and requested a consultation on the draft among member States with a view to adopting an updated version at its 30th session.
- A consultation group was established, with nominations to the group from member States.
- Consultation meetings took place on February 26, April 16, and June 28, supported by written procedures involving distribution of comments received and re-drafts.
- A final distribution of the draft had a deadline of September 3 for any additional comments, and none were received.
- The document therefore is presented to the Committee for endorsement.



- Help MS meet commitments to 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement.
- Secure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all and to reduce GHG emissions and the carbon footprint of the energy sector in the region.
- Enhance integration of regional energy markets and facilitate transitions to sustainable energy systems while supporting sustainable development.
- Work and its outcomes must reflect United Nations' scale, scope, role, and values in terms of: impact, political relevance, visibility, power to inspire, reputation, attractiveness for resourcing, resource efficiency, nexus contributions, and gender benefits.
- Produce products and activities that deliver tangible results in the near term with enduring impact.
- Important to recognise that MS take different views on fossil fuels, CCUS, and nuclear power

Current Strategic Priorities

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- **Sustainable Resource Management;**
- **High-performance Buildings;**
- **Methane Management And Reduction;**
- **Carbon Neutrality;**
- **Accelerating The Uptake Of Renewable Energy;**
- **Investment Guidelines For More Accessible, Reliable And Sustainable Energy Services; and**
- **Helping MS Explore Efficient And Effective Pathways To A Sustainable Energy Future.**



Activities recommended for the future, pending available resources, include:

- **measuring and monitoring energy-related SDGs;**
- **improving energy efficiency across all sectors;**
- **deploying sustainable hydrogen solutions;**
- **ensuring just and inclusive transitions;**
- **studying how to address efficient use of energy resources, and in this regard the impact of subsidies as well as carbon pricing options;**
- **assessing energy market/power market design;**
- **removing barriers to energy trade;**
- **enabling optimal deployment of digitalization;**
- **ensuring energy system resilience; and**
- **assuring energy security.**



The Committee is asked to endorse the strategic review, to request its expert groups and the secretariat to include the range of activities in plans for future work, and to call on member States and other partners to support the activities with extra-budgetary resources.

6. Noted with appreciation the achievements of the Committee on Sustainable Energy over the past thirty years (ECE/ENERGY/2021/16) notably early on in the areas of energy security dialogue, subsidies and pricing, coal, and gas, and more recently in supporting energy system transitions, reducing the environmental footprint of energy, and sustainable resource management.

7. Endorsed the revised strategic review of the ECE Sustainable energy subprogramme (ECE/ENERGY/2021/4), requested the groups of experts to reflect the strategic review in their future work plans and programmes of work, and called on member States to provide needed resources to accomplish those activities that cannot be delivered with existing regular budget resources.



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Thank you!

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