

UNECE Group of Experts Coal Mine Methane Task Force on Just Transition

Fourth Meeting

13 December 2023

14:30 - 16:00 (Geneva time)

SUMMARY

Participants:

Task Force Chair:

- Bobbie Foot

Task Force Members:

1. Yurii Bobrov
2. Jan Bondaruk
3. Neil Butler
4. Javier Cañas Andreu
5. Stefanie Held
6. Madina Junussova
7. Kusum Lata
8. Cristina Martinez
9. Hongye Pei
10. Raymond Pilcher
11. Munira Raji
12. Jennifer Rietbergen
13. Artur Sokołowski
14. Maxim Titov

Secretariat:

- Michal Drabik

Draft agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. What's new
4. Finalization of the Work Plan of the TF (continuation from the last meeting)
5. Preparation for implementation of the work plan (identifying next steps, setting up a timeline, distribution of tasks)
6. AOB
7. Next meeting
8. Closing the meeting

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The Chair of the Task Force (TF) opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

2. The draft agenda was adopted without any changes.

Item 3. What's new

3. Presentation describing a new publication titled *Russian Coal in the Era of Climate Change* was delivered. The document is available at the [webpage dedicated to the meeting](#).

4. An offer to present a Policy Brief on the impact of the decarbonisation strategy of Kazakhstan on the country's mining regions and towns was made. Secretariat is to follow up on that proposal at the beginning of 2024.

Item 4. Finalization of the Work Plan of the TF (continuation from the last meeting)

5. The work plan for 2023-2024 was adopted as presented after the last round of the review. The document is available on the [homepage of the TF](#) under the heading "Work Plan".

Item 5. Preparation for implementation of the work plan (identifying next steps, setting up a timeline, distribution of tasks)

6. It was pointed out that the [Working Group on Transforming the Extractive Industries for Sustainable Development](#) established by the Secretary General exists within the UN system, and it was recommended to explore its activities to avoid duplication of the efforts. It was observed that the above-mentioned Group has been engaged in literature review and mapping JT activities.

7. In that context, activities of IGF in the field of [mine closure and post mining transition](#), as well as [ILO's work on different coal scenarios in Central Asia](#) were also mentioned.

8. On the basis of the adopted Work Plan and the discussions from the previous meetings the following deliverables were set to be delivered in the first place:

- (a) An online library of resources on Just Transition, and
- (b) Criteria for guiding principles and good practices

9. TF members were called to volunteer to engage in those activities.

10. Ms. Jennifer Rietbergen offered to help with synthesizing the relevant JT literature, as well as with developing a template to be followed while engaging in that activity.

11. Mr. Maxim Titov offered to help in TF activities in January 2024.

12. All TF members were requested to indicate by email to the secretariat to which activities they would like to contribute.

13. The secretariat was requested to develop a document in which TF members could indicate to which activities they would like to contribute. (The document is available in the shared folder in the folder "Activities" – the file named "List of volunteers (per activity)" - [List of volunteers \(per activity\).docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#))

14. The secretariat was requested to share the proposed folder structure with TF members. (The document is available in the Shared Folder, in the folder "Folder structure" – the file named "Shared folder structure" - [Shared Folder Structure.docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)).

15. The secretariat was requested to develop online a folder structure as indicated in the "Shared folder structure" document.

16. The secretariat was requested to develop a file in which TF members could indicate other bodies that work on matters relevant to the TF. (The document is available in the Shared Folder in the folder "Activities" – the file named "List of other bodies working on JT" - [List of other bodies working on JT.docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)). TF members are requested to populate the document and to volunteer to act as focal points liaising with the indicated organisations),

Item 6. Any other business

17. There was no discussion under this item.

Item 7. Next meeting

18. The 5th meeting of the TF is to take place in the second half of January (please indicate your availability [here](#)). The 6th meeting of the TF is to take place in the second half of February (please indicate your availability [here](#)). The polls are available also on the [homepage of the TF](#) under the heading "Next Meeting Scheduling".

Item 8. Closing the meeting

19. The Chair and the secretariat thanked participants for their time and involvement in the call and closed the meeting.
