

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

Technical Advisory Group Meeting 15 Feb 2018 MINUTES

Attendees: Alistair Jones (Chair), Karin Ask, Adrienne Hanly, Ulrich Kral, Hari Tulsidas

Apologies: Frank Denelle, Michael Neumann, Satinder Purewal, Charlotte Griffiths

Approval of draft agenda

1. The draft agenda was approved

Minutes of previous TAG meeting

2. The draft minutes of the 19th Dec 2017 meeting were approved.

Documents for EGRC-9

3. In Dec 2017 TAG chair contacted previous reviewers, as previously agreed with TAG, and assembled teams for reviews required in Jan 2018 (see paragraph 5 below). This closes action 1 from the previous meeting.

4. Several WG chairs had asked their WG's for volunteers to review documents in Feb/Mar. Karin volunteered to review the Nordic Minerals Guidelines, Yang Hua (PWG) volunteered to assist with reviews. Some additional reviewers are required and Adrienne will contact the NWG, Karin will contact IWG and Alistair will contact RWG chair to seek more volunteers. This closes action 2 from the previous meeting.

Status of recent and ongoing reviews

5. Cross Working Group reviews of the PWG position paper and Chinese Minerals and Petroleum Bridging Documents have been completed and recommendations sent to EGRC chair and copied to TAG. The Chinese Minerals and Petroleum Bridging Documents were issued on the UNECE site for public comment on 15th Feb. NWG is developing the Best Practice Document for Uranium and Thorium. Review by the PWG of the 2nd RF2013/UNFC Petroleum Case Study is ongoing.

Status of documents not yet reviewed

6. The draft Solar Specifications were received for review on 14th Feb. The Anthropogenic Specifications are on track (subsequently received on 15th Feb).

7. There have been delays in developing the MWG paper because of ongoing discussion within MWG and change of MWG chair. This is no longer expected for EGRC 9, but MWG will ask for TAG comments on plans and priorities.

8. An initial draft AMREC framework document will not be completed in time for review, but is expected to be available as an informal document at EGRC 9.

9. The draft Wind Specifications will not be completed by EGRC 9.

TAG Commercial Member

10. As reported previously, Bureau supported having a commercial representative on the TAG. Alistair discussed this with the Secretariat and there is the possibility of forming a Commercial WG. Alistair is waiting to invite a commercial representative onto the TAG whilst this is being considered. This closes action 3 from the previous meeting.

Feedback from Bureau call of 24th Jan and follow-up discussion

11. A summary was given of the Bureau discussions on: the draft EGRC 9 agenda (sent as attachment), nominations of the next Bureau (2018-2020) and possible revisions of Bureau structure.

12. Some commodity Working Groups are holding meetings on Mon 23rd and Tues 24th April. The attention of TAG was drawn to the UNFC Workshop of the morning of Tues 24th April. This will focus on Agenda 2030 and UNFC revision and so is relevant to all WGs.

13. TAG will hold a face-to-face meeting in Geneva on Mon 23rd or Tues 24th April
Action 1: Alistair will check availabilities and propose a date/time.

14. The EGRC meeting (23rd-27th April) will include updates from each of the commodity WGs and from TAG.

Action 2: WG chairs are asked to discuss planned sessions with the Hari.

Action 3: Alistair will prepare a draft EGRC presentation on TAG for discussion at the next TAG call.

Next meeting

15. It was proposed to schedule the next TAG conference call during the week beginning 12th March. Hari will issue a doodle poll to select a firm date.