OVERVIEW AGENDA – ENERGY MINISTERIAL AND 8TH INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON ENERGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Track I: Renewable Energy
Track II: Energy Efficiency
Track III: Modernizing Energy Industry
Track IV: Regional Cooperation
Track V: Project Events (United Nations Development Account (UNDA), Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA))
Additional rooms planned: (1) Networking Room; (2) Matchmaking Room

	11 June	12 June					13 June					14 June				
09.00-10.30	**Energy Ministerial** (see separate agenda)	**UN Opening / Introduction** *(30 minutes)* Plenary: **Hard Talks on "Sustainable Energy of the 21st century – Government meets Industry"** 1st Hard Talk: **Energy Transition for Sustainable Development** *(60 minutes)* *Moderated panel discussion* - Why energy transition is vital to sustainable development - Progress and challenges towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7 - Energy transition strategies - No "one size fits all" solution - How international cooperation can reinforce national actions to transform energy systems					Session **Renewable Energy Pipeline Projects** (ESCWA, UNECE, ECA)	*Workshop* **Creating the Business Case for Energy Efficiency: Engaging Governments with Industry** (UNECE, UNIDO, C2E2, ESCWA, BG Consulting Engineers)	*Session* **Best Practices in High Efficiency-Low Emissions Coal Power Generation** (UNECE, IEA, WCA)	*Session* **Regional cooperation on Renewable Energy in Central Asia** (IRENA,UNECE)	*UNDA Training* **Training to the National Officials and Experts Responsible for Sustainable Energy Data Collection** (UNECE, ESCAP)	*Session* **Matchmaking for Renewable Energy Investments** (UNECE, EU TAF)	*Session* **Smart Cities** (UNECE, swiss-universities, C2E2)	*Workshop* **UNFC: Energy & Materials from waste** (UNECE, IAEA)	*Workshop* **Pathways to Sustainable Energy: Project Kick-off and Scenario Scoping** (UNECE)	*SPECA Workshop* **21th Session of the Thematic Working Group on Water, Energy and Environment** (UNECE, ESCAP; UNDP)
11.00-12.30		2nd Hard Talk: **Interplay between Renewable Energy and Fossil Fuels** *(60 minutes)* *Moderated round table discussion* - Challenges of reconciling tight emissions pathways with development aspirations - The need to modernise fossil-based economies - Synergies between renewable energies and fossil fuels - The role of coal, oil and gas prices Conclusion / Opening of Tracks					*Session* **Renewable Energy Pipeline Projects** (ESCWA, UNECE, ECA)	*Workshop* **Creating the Business Case for Energy Efficiency** (cont.)	*Session* **Best Practices in High Efficiency-Low Emissions Coal Power Generation** (cont.)	*Panel Discussion* **System Integration of Renewable Energy from a Regional Perspective** (IEA)		*Session* **Renewable Energy Finance** (IRENA, EBRD)	*Session* **Smart Cities** (UNECE, swiss-universities, C2E2)	*Workshop* **UNFC: Energy & Materials from waste** (UNECE, IAEA)	*Workshop* **Pathways to Sustainable Energy: Policy and Technology Options to Achieve Sustainable Energy** (UNECE)	
Lunch break		Press Conference for REN21 UNECE RE Status Report launch														
14.00-15.30		*Session* **Findings of UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report 2017** (UNECE, REN21)	*Session* **Energy Efficiency in Buildings: Framework Guidelines** (UNECE)	*Roundtable* **The Role of Gas in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals** (UNECE, IGU, WPC)	*Session* **Regional Technology and Investment Center** (Kazakhstan, UNDP, ESCWA)	*UNDA Workshop* **Renewable Energy** (ESCAP)	*Session* **Renewable Energy Pipeline Projects** (UNECE, ESCWA)	*Workshop* **Creating the Business Case for Energy Efficiency** (cont.)	*Panel Discussion* **Coal mine methane and its strategic role in climate change mitigation** (UNECE, EPA, GMI, PNNL)	*Session* **UN Day Dialogues on Energy for Sustainable Development** (UNDP, …)	*UNDA Training* **Training to the National Officials and Experts Responsible for Sustainable Energy Data Collection** (UNECE,ESCAP)	*Workshop* **From Diesel Generators to Renewable Energy in the Context of Crisis** (UNECE, UNITAR, UNHCR, GIZ)	*Session* **Smart Cities** (UNECE, swiss-universities, C2E2)	*Workshop* **Modernization of the energy sector – a pathway towards low-carbon energy and green economy** (UNECE)	*Workshop* **Tracking Progress on Energy for Sustainable Development: Data and Indicators** (ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP,ESCWA, UNECE)	
16.00-17.30		*Session* **The Socio-Economic Benefits of Renewable Energies** (IRENA, UNECE)	*Panel Discussion* **Aligning Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Policies** (IEA)	*Roundtable* **Coal Mine Methane as an under-valued energy source and the role it can play in transition of the coal industry** (UNECE, ICE-CMM Poland, ICE-CMM China)	*Roundtable* **Tracking Progress in Sustainable Energy: GTF Regional Reports & RISE** (ECA,ECLAC,ESCAP,ESCWA,UNECE, WB, SE4All)	*UNDA Workshop* **Renewable Energy** (ESCAP)	*Session* **From Renewable Energy Pipeline Projects to Match-making** (UNECE, EU TAF)	*Workshop* **Creating the Business Case for Energy Efficiency** (cont.)	*Workshop* **Using UNFC to Assess Methane Resources** (UNECE)	*Session* **UN Day Dialogues on Energy for Sustainable Development** (UNDP, …)		*Session* **Realising Renewable Energy Targets and Commitments Through Policies** (IRENA)	*Session* **Smart Cities** (UNECE, swiss-universities, C2E2)	*Session* **Energy Corporations: Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility** (Samruk-Kazyna Trust)	*Workshop* **Tracking Progress on Energy for Sustainable Development: Data and Indicators** (ECA, ESCAP, ESCWA, UNECE)	
17.30-18.00		Plenary: Messages from the Sessions / Key discussion points					Plenary: Messages from the Sessions / Key discussion points					Plenary: Messages from the Sessions / Key discussion points				
18.00-18.30		Press Conference for GTF regional reports & RISE										Wrap-Up / Closing Session				
		Reception (tbc)					UN Reception									