12th session of the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane

Geneva, 24-25 October 2017

Timetable and speakers

24 October 2017, Salle VIII, Building A, Palais des Nations			
Time	**Agenda item**	**Detailed agenda (when necessary)**	**Speakers/Panelists**
10:00	Housekeeping		**Mr. Michal Drabik**, Secretary, Group of Experts on CMM
10:05	**Item 1: Adoption of the agenda**		**Mr. Raymond Pilcher**, Chair, Group of Experts on CMM **Mr. Michal Drabik**, Secretary, Group of Experts on CMM
10:15	**Item 2: Election of officers**		**Mr. Michal Drabik**, Secretary, Group of Experts on CMM
10:30	**Item 3: Opening remarks**		**Mr. Raymond Pilcher**, Chair, Group of Experts on CMM **Mr. Scott Foster**, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE
10:45	**Item 4: Seventh joint meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane and the Global Methane Initiative Coal Subcommittee**	10:45 **Welcome addresses** 11:00 **Update from Administrative Support Group** (ASG)	**Subcommittee Co-Chairs** **Ms. Monica Shimamura**, ASG
11:30	Coffee break, in front of Salle VIII		
11:45	**Item 4: Seventh joint meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane and the Global Methane Initiative Coal Subcommittee (continued)**	11:45 **Subcommittee Report** 12:00 **Planning for the Global Methane Forum in April 2018**	**Subcommittee Co-Chairs** **Interactive Discussion**
13:00	Lunch break		
15:00	**Item 4: Seventh joint meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane and the Global Methane Initiative Coal Subcommittee (continued)**	15:00 **Partner Country and Project Network Updates** • Brief updates from Partner Country delegates regarding any new or planned activities in-country or in other Partner Countries • Brief updates from Project Network members 16:15 **Summary of Action Items/Concluding Remarks**	**Partner Country delegates and Project Network members** **Subcommittee Co-Chairs**
16:30	Coffee break, in front of Salle VIII		
16:45	**Item 4: Seventh joint meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane and the Global Methane Initiative Coal Subcommittee (continued)**	• Presentation on CMM situation in Georgia • Presentation on CMM situation in Ukraine • Presentation on CMM situation in Colombia • Presentation on ongoing CMM projects in Poland	**Mr. Levan Vepkhvadze**, Adviser to CEO on Strategic Issues, Georgian Industrial Group **Mr. Igor Yashchenko**, Deputy Director, Department of Industrial Safety, Physical Protection, Labour and Social Policy, Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry **Mr. Ruben Dario Chanci Bedoya**, Specialist, Colombian Mining Energy Planning Unit, Ministry of Mines and Energy **Mr. Jacek Skiba**, Senior Research Specialist, Central Mining Institute of Katowice (GIG)
18:00	Networking Event, at the Restaurant des Délégués, Building A, 8th floor		

25 October 2017, Salle VIII, Building A, Palais des Nations			
Time	**Agenda item**	**Detailed agenda (when necessary)**	**Speakers/Panelists**
10:00	**Item 5: Activities and priorities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and its Committee on Sustainable Energy**	• The outcomes of the Energy Ministerial and the Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development held in Astana, Kazakhstan on 11-14 June 2017 • The twenty-sixth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy held in Geneva on 26-28 September 2017 • Pathways to Sustainable Energy Project • The United Nations Framework Classification and its approach to CMM, CBM, AMM and VAM • Project on Transition of the Energy Sector	**Mr. Scott Foster**, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE **Mr. Scott Foster**, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE **Ms. Lisa Tinschert**, Project Manager, Pathways Project, UNECE **Mr. Harikrishnan Tulsidas,** Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE **Mr. Raymond Pilcher**, Chair, Group of Experts on CMM **Mr. Rahul Bansal**, Imperial College
11:15	Coffee break, in front of Salle VIII		
11:30	**Item 6: Report on implementation of the work plan for 2016-2017**	• Report on Group's activities delivered in 2016-2017, including a report on the implementation of the extrabudgetary project: "*Dissemination of best practices in the abatement, recovery, and use of methane*" • Report on Evaluation of the program performed by the external evaluator • International Centre of Excellence on Coal Mine Methane (ICE-CMM) in Poland • ICE-CMM in China • ICE-CMM in Russia	**Mr. Raymond Pilcher**, Chair, Group of Experts on CMM **Mr. David Creedy**, Vice-Chair, Group of Experts on CMM **Mr. Marius Birsan**, Independent Evaluator **Representatives of ICE-CMM in Poland** **Representatives of ICE-CMM in China** **Mr. Sergey Shumkov**, Deputy Director Department of Coal and Peat Industries, Department of Coal and Peat Industries, Ministry of Energy Russian Federation
13:00	Lunch break		
14:30	After-lunch coffee in front of Salle VIII		
15:00	**Item 7: Conclusions and recommendations of the Workshop on CMM and AMM in the context of Sustainable Energy**	• Conclusions and recommendations of the Workshop on CMM and AMM in the context of Sustainable Energy • Update on recent developments in VAM	**Mr. Michael Coté**, President, Ruby Canyon Engineering, Inc. **Mr. Richard Mattus**, Consultant, RM Business Consulting
15:30	**Item 8: Work plan for 2018-2019**	• Draft procedures for BPG translation • Best practices (or recommendations) on sustainable management of abandoned coal mines • A standard training module on best practices in the recovery, use, and abatement of methane emissions from coal mines • A risk management tool on gas control and explosion prevention • Activities to be delivered with ICE-CMM • Contribution, within the scope of the Group's expertise, to the work on the cross-cutting issue of methane management along the value chain in key energy-related extractive industries • Case-specific model for transition of a particular old industrial site	**Mr. David Creedy**, Vice-Chair, Group of Experts on CMM **Ms. Felicia Ruiz**, Vice-Chair, Group of Experts on CMM **Mr. Raymond Pilcher**, Chair, Group of Experts on CMM **Mr. David Creedy**, Vice-Chair, Group of Experts on CMM **Mr. David Creedy**, Vice-Chair, Group of Experts on CMM **Mr. Jacek Skiba**, Vice-Chair, Group of Experts on CMM **Mr. Clark Talkington**, Vice-Chair, Group of Experts on CMM **Mr. Raymond Pilcher**, Chair, Group of Experts on CMM
16:20	**Item 9: Preparations for the thirteenth session of the Group of Experts**		**Mr. Raymond Pilcher**, Chair, Group of Experts on CMM **Mr. Michal Drabik**, Secretary, Group of Experts on CMM
16:40	**Item 10: Any other business**		**Mr. Raymond Pilcher**, Chair, Group of Experts on CMM **Mr. Michal Drabik**, Secretary, Group of Experts on CMM
17:00	**Item 11: Adoption of conclusions and recommendations**		**Mr. Raymond Pilcher**, Chair, Group of Experts on CMM
17:30	**Item 12: Adoption of the report and close of the meeting**		**Mr. Raymond Pilcher**, Chair, Group of Experts on CMM
18:00	End of the twelfth session		