

## Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation

### Project/Activity Report

#### Workshop on the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009: focus on Central Asia Geneva, Switzerland, 28 April 2015

The United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 (UNFC) has developed significantly since the Workshop on Specifications for Application of UNFC in Central Asia and Caucasus was held in Almaty in December 2009. UNFC became operational at the end of 2013, following the finalization of the generic specifications. Work has also progressed on the documentation that will allow UNFC to be applied to renewable energy resources and to injection projects for the purpose of geological storage of carbon dioxide and potentially natural gas. UNFC offers a valuable tool for the Central Asian economies to manage the total national resource base and, hence, sustainable energy development. Whilst experts from the Central Asian economies are kept abreast of developments to UNFC by email, continuous training is needed in order to provide guidance on how to apply the UNFC and its generic specifications. Additionally, in view of the importance of renewable resources in the region, the experience and expertise of Central Asian countries are needed in the development of the renewable commodity specifications for UNFC. Tajikistan has expressed intent to apply UNFC at the national level; however if the system is not applied correctly the benefits of harmonization will be lost. Other Central Asian economies have also expressed interest towards the system.

The Sustainable Energy Division of UNECE in cooperation with the UNECE Group of Experts on Resource Classification organized a one-day workshop on UNFC with a focus on Central Asia and the application of UNFC to renewable energy in Geneva on 28 April 2015. The event was targeted at representatives from government institutions from both UNECE and non-UNECE member countries, industry, international organizations, professional associations and companies dealing with regulations, evaluation, classification, exploration, exploitation and investment in energy and mineral resources.

The workshop served to build the capacity of the representatives of the Central Asia economies on how to apply UNFC and its generic specifications in practice. Additionally, in view of the importance of renewable resources in the region, the experience and expertise of the Central Asian representatives was shared with the experts responsible for developing the renewable specifications for UNFC. The workshop also offered a valuable networking opportunity for the representatives of Central Asia and strengthened their active involvement in the work of the Expert Group on Resource Classification.

Details of the Workshop, the presentations and final report are available at:

<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=35413#/>

<b>Thematic focus</b>	<b>Venue of the conference/workshop</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Total participants/Female participants</b>
UNFC	Geneva, Switzerland	28 April 2015	91/20 of which 4 experts, including 1 female, were funded from the RPTC budget