



UNECE Workshop

UNFC-2009 Classification for Renewable Energies – Opportunities and Challenges

17pm –18am November 2014, Salle IX, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

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Workshop to develop a common assessment methodology for renewable energy projects

Current energy security concerns foster an ever greater need for countries to consider managing their energy portfolio as a mix of conventional and renewable resources.

Purpose of the Workshop

This workshop will bring attendees up to speed with the ongoing activities of the UNECE Task Force on the Application of UNFC to Renewables, including the current work towards delivering commodity-specific specifications for different renewable energy resources. The views and opinions of all stakeholders are regarded as critical in ensuring the development of a robust set of specifications that meet the needs of all potential end-users.

What is the UNFC?

The United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 (UNFC) is a universally acceptable and internationally applicable scheme for the classification and reporting of fossil energy and mineral reserves and resources and is currently the only classification in the world to do so. For information on the UNFC visit: www.unece.org/energy/se/reserves.html

Organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the Workshop will bring together representatives from the United Nations, governments, international organizations, industry, professional societies and associations, academia and other key stakeholders engaged in activities related to the classification and reporting of energy reserves and resources, in particular renewable energy. The event is organized as part of UNECE's Sustainable Energy Week (17-21 November) and immediately before the first session of UNECE's Group of Experts on Renewable Energy (18pm-19am November).

Why classify renewable energy projects?

Resource volumes, and their associated classification, are commonly used for non-renewable energy; resources being recoverable, commercial and remaining, and at various states of maturity (in terms of both social-economic and technical feasibility criteria). Including renewable resources in a similar classification framework offers the possibility to significantly improve insight into and understanding of the energy outlook at a company level and a country level, as long as the methodologies used to estimate the scale and potential of each resource are comparable and objective.

Who will benefit?

Governments, international organizations, industry, investors, professional societies, academia and other key stakeholders engaged in activities related to the classification and reporting of energy resources will all benefit from a common and transparent framework applicable at project level, as well as at regional and global level. From a strategic point of view, a universal energy classification framework will help compare energy resources in terms of technical and commercial maturities and uncertainty, and facilitate choices for providing optimal responses to energy demands.

Participation

Participation is by invitation only. For further details, please contact Charlotte Griffiths, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE at email: reserves.energy@unece.org / tel: +41 22 917 1988.

Venue and Timings

- Salle IX, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Monday 17 November: 2pm-6pm & Cocktail Reception: 6.15pm.
- Tuesday 18 November: 9am-1pm.

For more information on the Workshop visit: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=36626>

