

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Workshop on Sustainable Energy Policies
to Mitigate Energy Security Risks

Second meeting
Geneva, 22 September 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA ¹

for the Workshop, to be held at the Palais des Nations,
in Room S1, starting at 10 a.m.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Item 1 Introduction

1. The Director of the ECE Sustainable Energy Division will open the meeting.

Item 2 Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda will be proposed for adoption.

Item 3 ECE mandate and activities related to energy security – background, constituency and goals

3. As a follow-up to his presentation at the first Workshop held on 16 October 2008 in Geneva, the Director of the Sustainable Energy Division will update participants on ECE involvement in energy security, its mandate, and selected past and on-going activities in this area. This presentation will provide the broader framework within which the joint ECE– European Business Congress project on sustainable energy policies to mitigate energy security risks is being carried out and in particular its relationships with the method of work of the ECE Committee on Sustainable Energy. The Director will inform the meeting of the first results of an ECE review of international cooperation in the area of energy security with possible roles which ECE could assume.
4. The secretariat will also address the structure, goals the ultimate deliverables of the joint project.

¹ To facilitate entry into the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to fill in the attached registration form and send it in advance to the ECE secretariat.

Item 4 Current state of the project on sustainable energy policies to mitigate energy security risks - review of selected substantive issues

5. A representative of Taylor-DeJongh, Washington D.C., United States, will provide an introduction to the quantitative analysis of energy security risks in the ECE region. The presentation will deal with two distinctive aspects of the quantitative analysis of energy security. The first will focus on the relationships between energy demand forecasts and energy security risks for the ECE region while the second part of the presentation will address selected sustainable energy policies to mitigate energy security risks related to energy balances of the ECE region.

6. The Taylor-DeJongh presentation is an important contribution to the on-going ECE effort to assess the impact of energy security risks on the energy balances of ECE countries. Based on the progress made by Taylor-DeJongh, the meeting will be invited to discuss this impact and the best ways to mitigate it.

1 p.m. Lunch break

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Item 5 Status of questionnaire(s) for survey and scenarios for Delphi study

7. In close cooperation with the secretariat, the ECE experts on energy security have made considerable progress in designing the questionnaires on energy security risks as well as in drafting the scenarios for the Delphi study. Advance copies of the draft versions of the questionnaires and the scenarios, which have been completed, will be presented to the meeting.

8. ECE and its experts on energy security have also made considerable progress in preparing and conducting cognitive interviews and the testing the questionnaires and the scenarios. The interview and testing procedures would be addressed including the lists of targeted respondents. It should be noted that AON, Fitch Ratings and Taylor-DeJongh have provided valuable assistance in this critical phase of the project.

9. At this stage selected tasks still remain to be completed with regard to carrying out the survey and the Delphi exercise, such as (a) identification of suitable candidates to serve on the main and auxiliary Delphi study panels; (b) putting together a relevant and consistent list of the appropriate constituency for wider survey: ECE member States, energy corporations, the financial sector and international organizations, and (c) interpretation of results of the cognitive interview and test phases of the Delphi and survey exercises. The meeting will be invited to make suggestions on the best ways for cooperation with the secretariat in these three areas.

Item 6 Review of selected methodological and technical issues

10. The main ECE expert on methodological matters for the survey and the Delphi exercise will be invited to present key issues which have shaped this phase of the work. Given the importance of the appropriate methodological approach to this segment of the project, the meeting will be asked to

review the progress achieved in identifying the methodology to name and evaluate perceptions of energy security risks.

11. The secretariat will also make a presentation on the on-going work on carrying out the survey and the Delphi exercise in an on-line mode. A demo on-line version will be shown.

Item 7 Adoption of calendar

12. As before, carrying out the study on sustainable energy policies to mitigate energy security risks in the ECE region will require an updated provisional calendar of activities, specifying the main phases and deadlines. The meeting will be invited to propose and approve a provisional calendar which would allow the mobilization of all key experts and the timely finalization of this phase of the project. A presentation of project progress at the eighteenth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy in November 2009 will be part of that calendar.

Item 8 Other business

Item 9 Adoption of the report

13. The meeting is expected to adopt the report of the session.
