Expert Group on Resource Classification (EGRC)

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Recent Highlights

• Global interest in UNFC growing

• Key tool for delivering on Sustainable Development Goals and Africa Mining Vision

• Strengthened support from all UNFC stakeholders worldwide
  – Governments (UNECE/non-UNECE), industry, international organizations, professional societies & association, NGOs, financial reporting sector and academia
  – Over 230 experts registered for EGRC Sixth Session, 28 April-1 May 2015
  – UNFC presented at more than one event a week worldwide, some events a week long e.g. workshops and training courses.
  – First UNFC certificates presented at Joint UNECE and IAEA UNFC regional training course for African countries (Egypt, October 2015)
Recent Highlights

- EGRC continues to operate as a transparent, inclusive and results-oriented body

- EGRC Bureau remains active

- Ongoing and significant progress across all 11 task forces & working groups overseen by Bureau between annual EGRC meetings

  - concrete results highlighted in Sixth Session report (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2015/2)
EGRC Focus and Work Plan 2016-2017

Technical Advisory Group

Environmental & social guidance

Renewables

Project definition

Resourcing

G-axis for renewables

Bioenergy

Competent person

Communications

Nuclear fuels

Injection projects

Geothermal
Current challenges and future outlook

- Growing role of and interest in UNFC globally
- UNFC unique tool for resource management
- Application to renewables critical but challenging – breaking new ground
- Comprehensive extraction
- Leverages transparent and effective communications
- UNECE offers unique platform for EGRC and UNFC development

**Challenges:**

- Ambitious work plan – EGRC relies on voluntary contributions
  - Current model of working unsustainable
  - Extrabudgetary and in-kind contributions essential to keep up with demand
- Engagement with Committee on Sustainable Energy (CSE) when meetings are off cycle
  - i.e. input and decision making of CSE happens after annual meeting and complicates dates for work plans and other documents requiring CSE endorsement
Recommendations to Committee

• Guidelines for Application of UNFC-2009 for Uranium and Thorium Resources (ECE/ENERGY/2015/7)
  - Landmark document - first set of guidelines developed for UNFC
  - Comprehensive in coverage
  - Has undergone robust and extensive review, including Public Comment on UNECE website
  ✓ request endorsement by Committee

• Report of EGRC sixth session (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2015/2)
  ✓ request Committee to take note

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Recommendations to Committee

• EGRC at sixth session recommended an update of UNFC-2009 not be undertaken before 2018
  - system only became operational December 2013
  - need time for users to test; important to not update UNFC too frequently

✔ request endorsement by Committee

• Extrabudgetary funding needed for secretariat support and other activities e.g. outreach and dissemination to ensure full and proper continued development and deployment of UNFC-2009

✔ request support from Committee
Thank you

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