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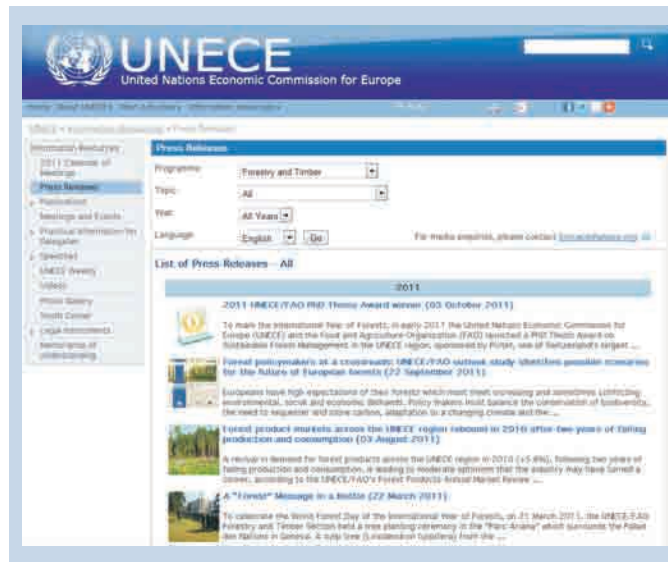
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## NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE UNECE WEBSITE

The migration of the UNECE website [www.unece.org](http://www.unece.org) to the new platform (using the Web Content Management System Typo3) was finalized on Monday 3 October with the launch of the new home page and the sections "About UNECE" and "Information Resources". Four sections under Environmental Policy also went live.

Please discover some of the main features of the new homepage:

- The navigation to the various sections and to UNECE's main areas of work is done via the top horizontal navigation bar **1**. This will allow users to move from one section of the website to another directly without having to always come back to the home page;
- the breadcrumb trail will always tell you where you are in the website;
- the calendar of meetings **2** will allow you to quickly check what is happening on any given day;
- **3** the quick links allow you to access directly some selected topics amongst UNECE's areas of work;
- **4** the RSS feed will allow you to receive updates of your topic of interest whenever the page is updated;
- the "UNECE in the news" box **5** presents links to selected articles about UNECE and its work;
- the "Forthcoming Events and Meetings" box **6** highlights some of the key meetings and events of the coming weeks.



Under "Information Resources" the Press Releases section will allow you to check quickly what has been published on each programme, per year, language and topic.



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Additional features will be incorporated in the near future.

Please note that the website is best viewed using **Mozilla Firefox's version 4.0** and above, **Microsoft Internet Explorer's version 8.0** and above, **Google Chrome's version 11.0** and above at a screen resolution of 1024 x 768 or higher.

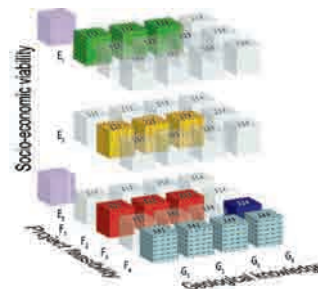
## TURKEY'S ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER OPENS UNFC WORKSHOP IN ANKARA

The Minister for Energy and Natural Resources of Turkey, H.E. Taner Yildiz, opened the International Workshop on the [United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources \(UNFC\)](#) in Ankara on 29 September. His personal engagement demonstrates Turkey's support and interest in UNECE's unique global resource classification system. Scott Foster, Director of UNECE's Sustainable Energy Division, joined the Minister in the opening session and in his remarks underlined the need for efficient and effective management of non-renewable energy resources as a key component on the path to a sustainable energy future.

The event was jointly organized by UNECE, the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of Turkey – General Directorate of Mining Affairs (MIGEM), the General Directorate of Turkish Coal Enterprises (TKI) and the General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration (MTA).

The UNFC is designed to meet the needs of four principal stakeholders: (i) analysts of international energy and mineral resources; (ii) Governments – to manage their resources accordingly; (iii) industry – to provide data and information necessary to deploy technology, management and finance in order to serve the host countries, shareholders and stakeholders; and (iv) the financial community – to provide the information necessary to allocate capital appropriately so reducing costs. The event was attended by more than 90 participants from the mineral and petroleum sectors in Turkey, representing these four stakeholders as well as academia. The presentations and discussions reviewed current state-of-

the-art mineral resource classification systems; built capacity on the UNFC; and assessed the possibility for application of the UNFC to Turkish mineral and petroleum resources. Practical application and mapping of the UNFC in other countries was presented by members of the Expert Group on Resource Classification from Australia, Poland, Russian Federation, Slovenia, and the Netherlands (on behalf of the EuroGeoSource Project).



Turkey wishes to implement a resource classification system that will meet its needs both internally for public reporting and communications across all national extractive industries, and externally for dialogue with international partners and comparison of its national resource inventory with those of other countries. Participants concluded that the UNFC can meet all these needs. The Workshop closed with an agreement for a National Committee to be established in Turkey to assess future short- and long-term activities on this issue. The UNECE offered its full support for this process.

Michael Lynch-Bell, Chairman of the Expert Group and Senior Partner, Ernst & Young, stated "Turkey has ambitious plans to update its resource classification system and the Expert Group looks forward to assisting Turkey to achieve its plans." □



Left: Sigurd Heiberg, Chairman, UNECE Committee on Sustainable Energy and Statoil;  
Centre: H.E. Taner Yildiz, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of Turkey;  
Right: Scott Foster, Director, UNECE Sustainable Energy Division.

The Director of the UNECE Sustainable Energy Division, Mr. Scott FOSTER, met with the Turkish Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, His Excellency Mr. Taner YILDIZ and with the Director General on Energy Issues in the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Ambassador Mithat RENDE during a visit to Ankara, Turkey, on 29 September.




Turkey's economy is growing rapidly, and has tripled since 1995. In the same timeframe energy consumption has grown 11%, so the overall energy intensity of the Turkish economy has improved substantially. The country is investing \$6 billion in the manufacturing industry every year, and it is anticipated that the economy will triple again to become one of the top ten global economies by 2030. Achieving these ambitious goals will require not only the latest technology but also expertise -- investment in requisite human capital is very high on the agenda. Achieving these goals will also require ensuring secure access to affordable and sustainable energy supply. Turkey already obtains 26% of its primary energy supply from renewable energy sources, and is actively considering developing nuclear power despite the accident at Fukushima -- it will be incumbent upon the operators, if the nuclear option is developed, to ensure that plants are operated safely and efficiently.

UNECE's Sustainable Energy Division is working in a number of areas of particular interest to Turkey. The accompanying article notes the activities on UNFC. In addition, UNECE has developed a set of best practices for managing Coal Mine Methane, and will possibly be extending that work to the broader topic of Coal Mine Safety. In both topics, Turkey is a world leader in coal mining and will be able to contribute actively to the further development, dissemination, and application of the best practices. Other areas of interest for UNECE and Turkey are on end-use energy efficiency throughout the region, the development of gas infrastructure, improving the thermal efficiency of coal-fired plants, the UNECE's energy security dialogue, and the establishment of industry centers to enhance industry/government dialogue.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.unece.org/energy/se/reserves.html> or contact Charlotte Griffiths at: [reserves.energy@unece.org](mailto:reserves.energy@unece.org).

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