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Terms of Reference  
Expert Group on Resource Management  
Resource Management Young Member Group

## Scope

The resource industry faces significant challenges in meeting global energy and resource demand, while complying with the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The resource industry, particularly the mining and fossil fuels sectors, is not a popular career path amongst the younger generation due to the negative climate impact often associated with these sectors. The upcoming generations understand the undesirable environmental and social effects that these sectors have accumulated since the first and second industrial revolutions. To address this situation, the youth often seek to be associated against the energy and minerals industries for environmental protection and social rights. Therefore, this impedes the progress of the urgently needed energy transition today and beyond 2050. **Engaging the future workforce in sustainable resource management at the early stages is essential to raise awareness on appropriate measures to be taken in favor of the energy transition.**

The Resource Management Young Member Group (RMYMG) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) **Expert Group on Resource Management (EGRM)** shall serve to **ensure intergenerational equity where** the views of the youth are considered in current **decision-making** on resource management.

Primarily, RMYMG will consist of young volunteers who will contribute and exchange knowledge and information within the Group itself, and EGRM. The youth community joining the energy and resources workforce as new professionals, students or activists is an increasingly critical stakeholder for the resource industry. **The Group aims to assist EGRM in its work relating to the dissemination and implementation of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) and the United Nations Resource Management System (UNRMS) principles.**

RMYMG shall be established as an **education platform** to educate young students and professionals on the importance of sustainable resource management and how to apply UNFC and UNRMS to develop energy and mineral resource endowments to meet the SDGs. Also, members will work towards developing educational material on sustainable resource management (with accent on UNFC and UNRMS) with the support of the expert groups for academic purposes. This will help to include the youth in discussions related to **sustainable development, sustainable resource management**, and the **application and development of UNFC and UNRMS**. Members

will have the opportunity to engage in professional practices, benefit from educational material and participate in trainings, courses, conferences, and projects where UNFC and UNRMS are applied.

The Resource Management Young Member Group (RMYMG) may be of interest to young professionals in the resource industry, university students, young social and/or environmental activists, communications, industry, and relevant youth associations.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of RMYMG is to include the youth community in EGRM and its activities to educate, train and build the capacity of future energy and resource experts. The members of RMYMG will take part in discussions and activities to develop, promote, and apply UNFC and UNRMS. In parallel, the RMYMG group will bring the perspectives and skills of young students, professionals' community in developing innovation, and their insights and skills to the discussions. Members will in turn be able to support their development by learning about sustainable resource management, while being mentored and trained by EGRM members and UNFC/UNRMS experts.

RMYMG shall also serve as a learning platform for the youth community to engage in resource management, decision-making, and sustainable development in the energy and natural resources sectors. This work will support the development of educational material at academic levels on sustainable resource management in line with the 2030 Agenda, application of UNFC and UNRMS. The Group will amass members with similar fields of interest, that would facilitate networking with UNFC/UNRMS experts.

## **Membership**

Initially, **RMYMG was established as a sub-group of EGRM's Communications Working Group (WG)**. The aim is to begin with at least fifteen members, with an interest in a specific WG i.e., in minerals, petroleum, communications, etc. RMYMG will crosscut with other EGRM WGs, to involve young members in these groups and connections to universities, young professional organizations with tasks related to the WGs' ongoing activities. Once well established, RMYMG will request to become a WG, in agreement with the EGRM Bureau.

Each EGRM Working Group will have one or two assigned RMYMG members for a period of one to two years to bring their skills and perspectives to help the Working Group with UNFC- and UNRMS-related work and for the young member(s) to learn how EGRM and the Working Group functions. Some members will be able to rotate to different working groups based on their interest and contribution to the WG to gain a wider perspective on resources management.

Membership in RMYMG is voluntary. The RMYMG will consist of any member that has an interest in learning about sustainable resource management and/or knowledge in the energy and resource industries. Membership can include university students, young professionals, activists, communications. Joining the Group does not necessitate any technical prerequisites or professional requirements although the participation in the different working groups will require the WG to assess the contribution to the group when joining. Members are expected to conduct activities with

the professionalism required as members of the EGRM and the CWG. RMYMG will comprise youth adults as members from different energy and resource sectors worldwide.

The future workforce is eager to build a prominent career profile in sustainability, in addition to increasing social networking. With a large group, RMYMG will strengthen communication with the youth community.

The members will openly and candidly share their ideas with RMYMG, the corresponding WGs, and EGRM. In addition, members are expected to respect the opinion and time of others.

The members of RMYMG will appoint a **committee agreed by the CWG which will comprise a Chair, Vice-Chair, Communications officer, and a representative of the UNECE Secretariat**. The RMYMG Committee will serve for a period of one year, to give more young members freedom to engage in as wide a range of activities as possible. The possibility of renewal for the committee exists for an additional year.

The RMYMG **Chair** has the responsibility to coordinate the RMYMG Group activities by enabling and facilitating the work, increase membership, organize the tasks given by the Communications WG and EGRM, act as lead, and moderate RMYMG meetings. The **Vice-Chair** has the responsibility to coordinate and supervise the work of RMYMG and assign representatives to the corresponding WGs. The **Communications officer** is in direct contact with the Communications WG and oversees the communications tasks allocated by the Communication WG. The Committee will report to Communications WG with regards to all matters and steps.

## **Stepping Down**

Membership in RMYMG is voluntary. Any member wanting to end membership of the RMYMG should announce it to the RMYMG Committee.

## **Commitments**

Members of the RMYMG will be dedicated to the work assigned by the Communications WG and EGRM. The members are advised to attend meetings, trainings, and webinars for information dissemination and updates. Members assigned to other WGs will partake in the assigned work, to be followed-up by the RMYGM Committee, and in return, reported to the Communications WG.

RMYMG will also hold internal meetings, every two months, to update on the work progress and to discuss relevant matters and potentially propose new areas of focus. The RMYGM meetings will take place mostly online. Ideally, a member of the Communications WG will participate in the RMYMG meeting to provide advice and guidance. The meeting agenda will be prepared in advance by the Committee and in agreement with the Communications WG. Members of RMYMG can add discussion points to the agenda. The meetings will be moderated by the RMYMG Chair. The meeting minutes will be recorded and shared.

## **Decision-Making**

RMYMG members will work on consensus and in close cooperation with the Communications WG. In the case of a disagreement, the Communications WG has the ultimate authority.

**Challenges and UN Support needed:**

*Educational or promotional communication material for the young member:* educational and/or promotional material is essential for establishing this new member group. RMYMG will need training materials developed for workshops based on discussions within the EGRM Communications Working Group. Such materials are not yet available as they would need to be tailored for young members. Appropriate educational and promotional materials targeted for young members on the objective and mission of EGRM, UNFC, UNRMS, sustainable resource management, etc., are essential. These materials should be prepared and translated into the needed languages. This might require support from the regional center of Excellence and/or regional members of the RMYMG supported by the Expert Group.

**Reimbursement of Expenses and Compensation for Time**

Involvement in the work of RMYMG is voluntary and without remuneration.

Compensation for the time devoted to RMYMG is granted through the experience and knowledge gained from the members of EGRM, acknowledgement in papers, and relations with the expert group of the UNFC/UNRMS.

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