

To: Members of the Bureau of the UNECE Expert Group on Resource Classification

From: David MacDonald and Hari Tulsidas

Meeting of the Bureau of the Expert Group on Resource Classification (EGRC) Geneva, Switzerland – 26 April 2018 MINUTES

Present:

1. David MacDonald (Chair)
2. Hussein Allaboun (Jordan Uranium Mining Company)
3. Tunde Arisekola (Nigerian Geological Survey Agency)
4. Karin Ask (Petroleum sector)
5. Rodrigo Chanes (European Commission) *representing* Milan Grohol
6. Roger Dixon (CRIRSCO)
7. David Elliott (Financial reporting sector)
8. Mucella Ersoy (Turkish Coal Enterprises)
9. Gioia Falcone (International Geothermal Association)
10. Adrienne Hanly (IAEA)
11. Zoltán Horváth (EuroGeoSurveys)
12. Erika Ingvald (Geological Survey of Sweden)
13. Alistair Jones (TAG)
14. Kjell Reidar Knudsen (Norwegian Petroleum Directorate)
15. Ulrich Kral (Anthropogenic resources)
16. Michael Neumann (European Federation of Geologists)
17. Roberto Sarudiansky (Latin American Mining Organization (OLAMI))
18. Hubert Schwarz (Ministry of the Environment, Poland)
19. Bernard Seiller (SPE)
20. Danny Trotman (Financial reporting)
21. Dominique Salacz (SPEE)
22. Igor Shpurov (First Vice Chair, GKZ Russian Federation)
23. Hari Tulsidas (UNECE)
24. Charlotte Griffiths (UNECE)

Apologies:

1. Fatih Birol (IEA)
2. Nurangiz Farajullayeva (Ministry of Energy, Azerbaijan)
3. Frank Mugenyi (African Union Commission)
4. Adichat Surinkum (CCOP)
5. Narendra Verma (ONGC, India)
6. Jim Ross (Petroleum sector)
7. Brad Van Gosen (USGS)
8. Radislav Vukas (Ministry of Mining and Energy, Serbia)

Draft Agenda

1. Approval of draft agenda
2. Bureau
3. Proposed change of EGRC name and Terms of Reference
3. Conclusions and recommendations for EGRC Ninth Session
4. Any other business

Item 1. Approval of Draft Agenda

1. The agenda was adopted without amendment.

Item 2. Bureau

2. The Chair congratulated the new elected Bureau for 2018–2019. The Bureau now comprises David MacDonald as Chair, Igor Shpurov as First Vice Chair, and Nurangiz Farajullayeva, Kjell Reidar Knudsen, Hubert Schwarz, Radoslav Vukas, Mücella Ersoy, Bradley Van Gosen, Hussein Allaboun, Tunde Arisekola, Milan Grohol (alternate Rodrigo Chanes), Frank Mugenyi, Fatih Birol (alternate Glenn Sondak), Roger Dixon, Gioia Falcone, Bernard Seiller, Adichat Surinkum (alternate Dhiti Tulyatid), Adrienne Hanly, Michael Neumann, Zoltán Horváth, Roberto Sarudiansky and Alistair Jones as Vice-Chairs. The Chair thanked the outgoing Bureau members and acknowledged the dedication, time and contribution: Karin Ask, David Elliott, Michael Lynch-Bell, Ulrich Kral, Jim Ross, Dominique Salacz, Daniel Trotman, and Narendra Verma.

Item 3. Proposed change of EGRC name and Terms of Reference

3. The Chair emphasized the opening remarks of Scott Foster, Director, Sustainable Energy Division on 25 April, where it was pointed out that Sustainable Resource Management has now become one of the focus areas for UNECE. In this respect, the work of the Expert Group assumes greater significance and requires a transformation of UNFC into a comprehensive resource management system.

4. In clarification to various queries and suggestions, the Chair clarified that the UNFC classification would remain mostly unchanged, except for minor changes to make the language more generic, to apply to all resources. The UNFC Resource Management System could be envisaged as a tool-kit or template that could be used aid progression of the projects (resource progressing) in a manner that is consistent with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

5. The Chair noted that cohesiveness with SDGs is now becoming part of regional, national and company level visions and transforming UNFC to be aligned to this vision will make it a value-adding tool. While UNFC will spell out the principles and generic requirements, how the sustainable resource management framework will be build will depend on different sectors and hence addressed in detail through sectoral specifications and guidelines.

6. The Chair suggested that changing the name of the Expert Group on Resource Classification (EGRC) to Expert Group on Resource Management (EGRM) is help clarify its role and position it better in the sustainable development narratives. The Bureau agreed to this proposal.

Item 3. Conclusions and recommendations for EGRC ninth session

7. The draft conclusions and recommendations for the ninth session were reviewed. The revised text will be presented to the EGRC on 27 April for consideration.

Item 4. Any other business

8. No issues were raised.
