

# Conference Call of the Bureau of the Group of Experts on Gas

1 March 2017, 15:00

## Minutes

### A. Participants

#### Attendees:

- Mr. Francisco de la Flor Garcia (Spain), Chair
- Mr. Torstein Indrebø (Norway), Vice-chair
- Mr. Alexandre Chachine, on behalf of Vice-chair Alexander Karasevich (Russian Federation)
- Mr. Branko Milicevic, UNECE secretariat

#### Regrets:

- Mr. Tamas Korosi (Hungary), Vice-chair
- Mr. Boris Maksijan (Croatia), Vice-chair

### B. Summary of discussions and decisions

#### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Bureau decided to add an agenda item to discuss the work plan for 2018-2019.

#### 2. Preparations for the fourth session on 27-28 March 2017

The secretariat shared the list of registered participants (86 as of 1 March) and the draft timetable with speakers. Given the high number of speakers, the Bureau suggested that the secretariat prepare written guidance for speakers. The speakers, panelists and other participants should provide brief abstracts of their presentations and interventions. Selected moderators should receive abstracts

The Bureau members will review the informal document prepared by the secretariat “Model Framework for Reducing Methane Emissions along the Gas Value Chain”, and decide whether and in what form it should be presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> session. Some elements of this document will be presented on 7 March at the IGU meeting on methane, where some initial feedback will be received. In this regard, the secretariat will keep the Bureau informed on the outcome of the London meeting.

A new timetable with suggestions of speakers from the Bureau reflected is given below.

Time	Agenda item	Speakers/Panelists
27 March 2017, Salle VII, Palais des Nations		
10:00	Housekeeping	Secretariat
10:05	Item 1: Adoption of the agenda	Mr Francisco de la Flor Garcia, GEG Chair
10:10	Item 2: Opening remarks	Mr Francisco de la Flor Garcia, GEG Chair Mr Scott Foster, SED Director

10:20	Item 3: Election of officers	Mr Francisco de la Flor Garcia, GEG Chair
10:30	Item 5: Methane emissions: a challenge to the sustainability credentials of gas	<p>Mr Francisco de la Flor Garcia, GEG Chair</p> <p><b>Part I: Scientific and technical background</b>  Mr Paul Balcombe Sustainable Gas Institute  Mr Markus Klingbeil, International Energy Agency (IEA)  Chief scientist, Environmental Defense Fund  Ms Laura Lonza, GRC (tbc)  Ms Marielle Saunois, Global Carbon Project (tbc)  Ms Don O'Connor, Exergia (tbc)  UNECE Secretariat (survey results)  UNECE Secretariat (Guiding Principles for Preventing Methane Emissions)</p> <p><b>Part II : Activities of international organizations</b>  Mr Wael Abdel Moati, AOPEC (upstream)  Mr Jos Dehaeseleer, MARCOGAZ  Mr Andrea Gerini or Mr Kaloyan Tsilev, NGVA Europe  Mr Andrew Clifton, SIGTTO  Mr Dan Hooper, Global Methane Initiative (GMI)  Mr Phil Swanson, Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)  Mr Gert Müller-Syring, DBI (tbc)  Judd Robbert, GERG (tbc)</p>
13:00	Lunch break	
14:30	Coffee in front of Salle VII	Sponsor – Smiths Group/John Crane
15:00	Item 5: Methane emissions: a challenge to the sustainability credentials of gas (continued)	<p><b>Part III: Case studies</b>  Ms Ann-Cathrin Vaage, Statoil  Mr Konstantin Romanov, Gazprom  Ms Rosanna Fusco, ENI (tbc)  Mr Paul Hosking, John Crane  Mr Claudio Rodriguez, Enagas  Mr François Dedieu, GRDF (tbc)  Ms. Stephanie Saunier, Carbon Limits (tbc)  Mr Bjørn A. Christensen or Mr Sissel Wiken Sandgrind, Norwegian Environment Agency (tbc)  Bernard Hoffait, TOTAL (tbc)  US Department of Energy (via video link) (tbc)</p>
16:30	Item 7: Best practice guidance on the role of natural gas in increasing the uptake of renewable energy	Mr Francisco de la Flor Garcia, GEG Chair Mr Francois-Regis Mouton, Total Mr Nazir Ramazanov, Chair, Group of Experts on RE (tbc) Mr Wouter Koopman, Shell (tbc)
17:00	Item 8: Best practice guidance for liquefied natural gas	Mr Alexander Karasevich, GEG Vicechair Mr Alan Lau, CEO, Anglo Euro Developers Ltd; Mr Victor Tunon, Gas Natural Fenosa
17:30	Item 9: Removing barriers to the use of natural gas as a transportation fuel	Mr Francisco de la Flor Garcia, GEG Chair Ms Radia Sedaoui, ESCWA Mr Jan Tellkamp, DNV GL Mr Andrea Gerini or Ms Pilar Perez, NGVA Europe

18:00	Close of Day One	
18:15	Reception	Sponsor (GECF?)

28 March 2017, , Salle VII, Palais des Nations		
10:00	Item 4: Round table on gas supply, transit and demand	Mr Torstein Indrebo, GEG Vicechair Mr Lukasz Kroplewski, PGNIG Mr Dmitry Sokolov, Gas Exporting Countries Forum Gazprom? Algeria? Turkey (demand)? Mr Kanat Botbaev, Energy Charter Secretariat Netherlands? Ms Zsuzsana Selesz, DG Energy (tbc)
11:20	Coffee break	Sponsor?
11:50	Item 4: Round table on gas supply, transit and demand	continued
12:50	Item 6: Activities and priorities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and its Committee on Sustainable Energy	Mr Scott Foster, SED Director
13:00	Lunch break	
14:30	Coffee in front of Salle VII	Sponsor?
15:00	Item 10: Recent developments and medium- and long-term prospects and policies in the gas industry – country updates and activities of international organizations (continued)	
16:00	Item 11: Renewal of mandate and work plans for 2014–2017 and 2018–2019	Chair, Secretariat
17:00	Item 12: Preparations for the fifth session	Chair, Secretariat
17:20	Item 13: Other business	Chair, Secretariat
17:40	Item 14: Adoption of conclusions and recommendations	Chair, Secretariat
17:50	Item 15: Adoption of the report and close of the meeting	Chair, Secretariat
18:00	Close of the fourth session	

### 3. Implementation of the current (2014-2017) work plan

The Bureau reviewed progress in the implementation of the current work plan and its four concrete deliverables: best practice guidance on methane emissions (activity A), role of gas in enabling deployment of renewable energy (B), best practice guidance on LNG (C), and the recommendations of removing barriers to use of gas in transport (D).

For activity A, the secretariat noted that the above mentioned Model Framework could serve as the principal building block of the future best practice guidance on methane emissions, which is a deliverable of the 2014-17 work plan (activity A). The case studies presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> session could be used to illustrate guiding principles and recommendations.

The Bureau noted a lack of progress in implementing activity B (gas and renewable energy).

The secretariat informed that a publication on trends in LNG (activity C) was sent to printers and should be ready by the 4<sup>th</sup> session. The best practices guidance on LNG, which is another deliverable for activity C, still lack critical elements. Some work was done on small scale LNG. The Bureau concluded that the Group needs to work with IGU and find ways how to accelerate this work. More discussion on this could be held during the 4<sup>th</sup> session in Geneva.

The secretariat informed the Bureau that Jan Tellkamp, DNV GL is drafting the maritime portion of the recommendations on removing barriers to the use of gas on ships. This document should be ready by the 4<sup>th</sup> session and will be presented by Jan in Geneva.

#### **4. Participation of the Group of Experts on Gas in the Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development (11-14 June 2017, Astana, Kazakhstan)**

The Bureau decided that the Group of Experts on Gas should be present in Astana. A 3-hour timeslot will be set aside. The Bureau agreed that methane management as a topic is well covered by the Group and other partners and, as such, should not be addressed in Astana. The Group of Experts on Gas may decide on a different topic for the Forum in Astana. The secretariat will circulate some ideas.

#### **5. Draft work plan 2018-2019**

The Bureau noted that the current version of the draft work plan has 8 activities. The Group of Experts should prioritize its activities and choose only those for which “champions” can be found. The draft work plan will be presented as a room document during the 4<sup>th</sup> session. As such, it needs to be finalized and sent to the Group in time to be reviewed so that an informed discussion could take place on 27 and 28 March.

#### **6. Date of the next Bureau call**

The next call will take place on 21 March 2017.

#### **7. Any other business**

None.

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