

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

From: David MacDonald, Charlotte Griffiths, Slavko Solar and Hari Tulsidas

Call of the Bureau of the Expert Group on Resource Management (EGRM)

Geneva, Switzerland, 15:00 CEST, 31 March 2022

MINUTES

Attendance:

	Present	Apology
David MacDonald, EGRM Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Igor Shpurov, Russian Federation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Alternates</i> Olga Trofimova (present) and Ekaterina Lovchuk and (present) Marina Kuznetcova (present)		
Tunde Arisekola, Nigeria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hussein Allaboun, Jordan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Viktor Babashev, Kazakhstan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Cross, Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roger Dixon, CRIRSCO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mücella Ersoy, Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gioia Falcone, IGA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nurangiz Farajullayeva, Azerbaijan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Forbes, United States of America	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Milan Grohol, EC (present)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Alternate</i> Robert Tomas (present)		
Karen Hanghoj, United Kingdom (not present) <i>represented by</i> Rosie Seville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zoltán Horváth, EuroGeoSurveys	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erica Ingvald, Sweden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
JU Jianhua, China (not present)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Alternate</i> YANG Hua (present)		
Branka Knežević, Bosnia and Herzegovina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stig-Morten Knutsen, Norway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young Joo Lee, CCOP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Alternate</i> Dhiti Tulyatid		
Luis Lopez, OLAMI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer McCoy, Ernst & Young	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rafal Misztal, Poland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Frank Mugyeyni, AUC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Henri Paillere, IAEA (not present)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Alternate</i> Adrienne Hanly (present)		
Teresa Ponce de Leão, Portugal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Satinder Purewal, TAG Co-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ulises Neri, Mexico	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Neumann, EFG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bernard Seiller, SPE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alexander Shpilman, TAG Co-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charlotte Griffiths, UNECE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hari Tulsidas, UNECE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slavko Solar, UNECE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Scott Foster, Director, Sustainable Energy Division also participated in the call.

Draft Agenda

1. Approval of Draft Agenda
2. Email to EGRM Bureau & WG Chairs from Scott Foster (Director, UNECE Sustainable Energy Division) of 28 March
3. Organization of EGRM-13
4. Implementation of EGRM Work Plan 2022-2023
5. AOB

Documentation

1. Draft Agenda

Item 1. Approval of Agenda

Documentation: Draft agenda for Bureau Call on 31 March 2022

1. The agenda was approved.

Item 2. Email to EGRM Bureau & WG Chairs from Scott Foster (Director, UNECE Sustainable Energy Division) of 28 March

2. The Chair noted the email issued by the Director, UNECE Sustainable Energy Division, regarding the current situation in the region following the conflict in Ukraine. It clarified the questions raised by several experts on the upcoming 13th Annual Session of the Expert Group on Resource Management. The Director of the UNECE Sustainable Energy Division was invited to speak.

3. The Director noted that the ongoing conflict has created a situation that is not conducive to a fruitful exchange of information and collaboration. Therefore, the postponement of the UNECE Resource Management Week 2022, including the 13th Annual Session of the Expert Group on Resource Management, should be considered. UNECE will continue to deliver on its mandates, as approved by the General Assembly, promoting regional and transboundary cooperation to achieve sustainable development and support member States to accelerate Agenda 2030 in the region. The representative from the United Kingdom provided clarification on the decisions taken by the UNECE Executive Committee on 24 March 2022.

Item 3. Organization of EGRM-13

4. The Chair proposed four options for ERGM-13 for consideration: (i) proceed with the organization of EGRM-13 as planned; (ii) organize EGRM-13 in a modified way with only status updates; (iii) postpone the meeting to a later date, and (iv) cancel the meeting altogether.

5. The Chair opened the issue for discussion. Following detailed discussions, one Bureau member proposed to postpone EGRM-13. The general consensus was that EGRM-13 should go ahead on 25-29 April but in a modified format. Whilst Russian Federation technical experts would be welcome to participate in EGRM-13, they would not be invited to have prominent speaking roles nor to chair any sessions in line with UNECE Executive Committee Decision ECE/EX/2022/L.6 of 24 March 2022.

6. To not exclude those unable to participate, it was recommended that only status updates on EGRM activities be given at EGRM-13. Before the meeting, experts would be encouraged to provide written feedback on UNFC and UNRMS documents. Any documents needing consensus, EGRM, when in session for its 13th meeting (25-29 April), will be invited to consider or otherwise circulate the documents for written feedback for 21 days.

7. The Chair agreed to work on a detailed programme based on the above direction and circulate it to the Bureau for approval.

Item 3. Implementation of EGRM Work Plan 2022-2023

8. The Chair noted that all involved with EGRM have a passionate desire to help the world achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. The work of EGRM could continue in a conducive and cooperative manner to the extent possible.

Item 5. Any other business

9. No other business was discussed.
