

## **Bureau Meeting Report – GERE BMR N. 2015/2**

### **ECE Group of Experts on Renewable Energy (GERE)/ Committee on Sustainable Energy Bureau Meeting Geneva, 2 July 2015**

#### **Report of the Meeting**

##### **Present:**

Mr. Ulrich Benterbusch, Chair  
Mr. Zeljko Juric, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Andrei Miniankou, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Nazir Ramazanov, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Christine Lins, REN21  
Mr. Paolo Frankl, IEA

##### **Secretariat:**

Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, GERE Secretary, SED  
Ms. Ani Gabrielyan, Intern, SED

#### **Item 1. Chair's welcome**

1. The Chair of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, Mr. Benterbusch, started the call of the Group of Experts and welcomed the initiative of the Serbian Minister of Mining and Energy to appoint a representative, Mr. Milos Banjac, for the renewable energy work at the UNECE. Mr. Banjac, Assistant Minister of the Sector for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Ministry of Mining and Energy. will participate in forthcoming Bureau calls and meetings as observer and, following a formal verbale note, will be considered as candidate for the election of officers at the GERE session in October.

#### **Item 2. Approval of the agenda**

2. The agenda was adopted as proposed and reflected in the current report.

#### **Item 3. REN21 Status Report**

3. The REN21 Executive Secretary briefed the Bureau Members with key information on the current state of the UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report (Status Report). The ongoing preparation processes are carried out in accordance with the schedule, data providers in the countries are positively contributing and a draft of the Status Report will be ready by the first half of August 2015.
4. The representative of Azerbaijan informed Bureau Members that his country had submitted the questionnaire duly filled in to the authoring team of the Status Report. The representatives of International Energy Agency informed Bureau Members that the request from the REN21 Secretariat has been received, and information and data will be submitted shortly.

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5. The GERE Secretary introduced further work in relation to UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report. Particularly, a parliamentary document summarising the project, objectives, key findings and messages will be prepared for both the GERE session in October and the session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy in November. The GERE Secretary added that the Status Report draft will be reviewed by an Expert Group consisting of a selected group of experts. An open review will be done subsequently, including Bureau members and the launch of the status report is foreseen by December 2015 within the context of COP21 of the UNFCCC in Paris.

### **Item 4. Brief update on the implementation of the Work Plan 2014-2015**

6. Bureau Members were given updates about the implementation of the Work Plan 2014-2015. The key deliverables are (i) the Status Report under preparation with REN21 and IEA to create a baseline for the progress made on renewable energy in the UNECE region (ii) the identification of communities with no access to energy in UNECE countries. As the information is not available, the questionnaire of the Status Report sent to the countries concerned will provide new information on this issue; (iii) the identification and dissemination of best practices, high-impact measures and procedures for an energy transition towards significantly increasing use of renewable energy.
7. As requested by the Chair, a revised draft paper developing a menu of technologies and policies to promote them as practical tool for the exchange of information was sent to Bureau members after the call and posted on the website for consideration and comments.

### **Item 5. Parliamentary documents for the 2nd GERE session, Geneva, 12-13 October 2015: (i) Provisional agenda, (ii) Work plan 2016-2017 and (iii) Key messages/ progress on the UNECE RE Status Report; main organizational matters, focus & possible speakers**

8. The GERE Secretary briefed Bureau Members on the draft provisional agenda for the second session of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy to be held in Geneva, 12-13 October 2015. Bureau Members discussed the options for delivering the messages of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy. GERE Secretariat will revise the provisional Agenda and Draft Work Plan 2016-2017 in accordance with the suggestions provided by 7 July before submitting them for translation and reproduction as parliamentary documents.

### **Item 6. Inputs from GERE to the Committee on Sustainable Energy: Committee: (i) 2 September - Workshop on Scenarios: Pathways towards Sustainable Energy in the Region; (ii) 3 September - Committee's Bureau meeting; (iii) 18-19 November 2015 - Committee's 24th Session**

9. The GERE Secretary listed the main forthcoming activities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy to the Bureau Members for their possible participation and inclusion, if possible, in their respective calendars. Bureau Members agreed to inform in due time the UNECE Secretariat on their availability to participate and contribute to these various events.

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### **Item 7. Broader participation by UNECE member States in substantive activities of the Group of Experts**

10. The relevance of a broader representation in the Bureau and broader participation in substantive activities of the Group of Experts was pointed out by the Chair. The UNECE secretariat will send a request to Member States for additional candidacies to be considered for election at the second GERE session in October.

### **Item 8. AOB.**

11. The Chair anticipated the organization of a Bureau call on the preparation of the Second GERE session by the second half of August
12. There was no other business