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**Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**  
Committee on Energy**Second session**

Bangkok, 9–11 October 2019

**Annotated provisional agenda**

The present document contains the provisional agenda (section I) for the second session of the Committee on Energy and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

**I. Provisional agenda**

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  - (b) Election of officers;
  - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Status of and progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7 in Asia and the Pacific.
3. Implementation of the outcomes of the Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum:
  - (a) National road maps for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7;
  - (b) Regional road map on energy connectivity.
4. Review of the work of the Committee and consideration of the future focus of the subprogramme.
5. Consideration of draft resolutions, recommendations and decisions for submission to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its seventy-sixth session.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its second session.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Opening of the session**

#### **(a) Opening statements**

The programme for the opening of the session will be available online at [www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/committee-energy-second-session](http://www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/committee-energy-second-session).

#### **(b) Election of officers**

The list of participants will be available online at [www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/committee-energy-second-session](http://www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/committee-energy-second-session).

The Committee will elect a chair and five vice-chairs for its session. One of the vice-chairs will also serve as rapporteur.

#### **(c) Adoption of the agenda**

##### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/CE/2019/L.1)

##### **Annotation**

The annotated provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the Committee, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

### **2. Status of and progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7 in Asia and the Pacific**

##### **Documentation**

Status of and progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7 in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CE/2019/1)

##### **Annotation**

Document ESCAP/CE/2019/1 contains an evidence-based review of progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 7 targets at the regional, subregional and national levels. It also contains an overview of long-term trends in energy access, renewable energy and energy efficiency, with a focus on progress in the most recent period, from 2012 to the present. Furthermore, the key drivers behind progress are reviewed, and major challenges in achieving objectives are identified. Evidence is drawn from the energy progress report prepared by the custodian agencies for Sustainable Development Goal 7. Together with the Asia Pacific Energy Portal, the review document provides a comprehensive view of progress in the regional, subregional and national contexts. A focus is placed on policy implications and interlinkages with other Sustainable Development Goals.

At a high-level panel on progress in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 in Asia and the Pacific, the secretariat will invite a number of high-level government officials to share their vision in achieving Goal 7 and their national strategies on energy for sustainable development. Document ESCAP/CE/2019/1 and the documents under agenda items 3 and 4 could form the basis for deliberations.

The Committee may also wish to provide guidance to the secretariat and propose areas for possible regional cooperation to contribute to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goal 7.

### **3. Implementation of the outcomes of the Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum**

Item 3 of the provisional agenda focuses on areas of work identified under the Ministerial Declaration on Regional Cooperation for Energy Transition towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies in Asia and the Pacific, adopted by the Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum in Bangkok on 5 April 2018. The areas of work are (a) further promoting cooperation among countries in the region towards effective implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 and other goals related to energy, including through subregional and regional energy cooperation, in light of the regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific; (b) supporting the Expert Working Group on Energy Connectivity in its work and submitting outcomes to the Committee on Energy as agreed at the meeting of the Expert Working Group and at the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum held in December 2017; (c) convening the third Asian and Pacific Energy Forum, in 2023, to review progress in the implementation of Goal 7 in the Asia-Pacific region, including progress on the commitments contained in the Ministerial Declaration. In May 2018, the Commission endorsed the outcomes of the Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum in its resolution 74/9.

The Committee may wish to provide the secretariat with guidance on how the work of the subprogramme can further support member States' implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by identifying, for example, priorities, gaps in implementation and any required technical assistance at the subregional or regional level.

#### **(a) National road maps for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7**

##### **Documentation**

Supporting policy decisions to accelerate the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 through the development of national road maps (ESCAP/CE/2019/2)

##### **Annotation**

Planning for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 7 by 2030 is a challenge for policymakers and energy planners. Rising economic growth and universal access to modern energy services will increase energy demand. This growth in energy demand will need to be tempered by accelerating energy efficiency and renewable energy. The emission reduction target under the Paris Agreement needs to be considered as an integral part of this planning as the energy sector is responsible for approximately two thirds of global emissions. Reducing fossil fuels in the energy mix, substituting renewable energy sources in their place and implementing energy efficiency measures are the key solutions for achieving this Goal. The complex interaction between the targets of Goal 7 and nationally determined contributions requires an integrated system-planning approach. The national expert Sustainable Development Goal tool for energy planning is an innovative tool being developed by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) that aims to address these challenges. It will help

policymakers to examine national targets in the energy sector; perform modelling and analysis in connection to the expected gaps between the targets of Goal 7 and what will be achieved by 2030 and the expected gaps between the targets for nationally determined contributions and what will be achieved by 2030; and conduct policy analysis to suggest appropriate policy measures to bridge these gaps. Document ESCAP/CE/2019/2 also contains an explanation of the need for this tool and of its development process, including the national consultation process in pilot countries and expected output of the tool. Some early results from the trial process in pilot countries are also presented.

The Committee may wish to review and provide guidance on the development of the national expert Sustainable Development Goal tool for energy planning and how it could be utilized by a greater number of member States.

**(b) Regional road map on energy connectivity**

**Documentation**

Draft regional road map on power system connectivity: promoting cross-border electricity connectivity for sustainable development (ESCAP/CE/2019/3)

**Annotation**

At its seventy-third session, in May 2017, the Commission adopted resolution 73/8 on strengthening regional cooperation for sustainable energy development in Asia and the Pacific, in which it established the Expert Working Group on Universal Access to Modern Energy Services, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Cleaner Use of Fossil Fuels and the Expert Working Group on Energy Connectivity. The Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum, held in 2017, took note of the outcome of the Expert Working Groups' meetings. The Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum, held in April 2018, expressed its support for the work of the Expert Working Group on Energy Connectivity and requested that the Expert Working Group submit its work to the Committee on Energy. The Expert Working Group on Energy Connectivity developed a draft regional road map on power system connectivity entitled "Promoting cross-border electricity connectivity for sustainable development".

Member States recognize the need for a road map to accelerate power system connectivity, based on subregional experiences as well as studies, and to align power system connectivity to the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular in meeting the Goal 7 targets. Member States have recognized the need for a more standardized approach, agreed by member States, towards promoting power system connectivity, which is detailed in the road map. Document ESCAP/CE/2019/3 also contains a discussion of the need for appropriate institutional arrangements as well as capacity needs to support a more standardized approach. A panel discussion on promoting energy connectivity for sustainable development will provide background information on the opportunities for accelerating power system connectivity in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Committee may wish to review the document, provide guidance for the future work of the secretariat and endorse the draft regional road map for submission to the Commission at its seventy-sixth session.

**4. Review of the work of the Committee and consideration of the future focus of the subprogramme**

**Documentation**

Review of the work of the Committee (ESCAP/CE/2019/INF/1)

**Annotation**

Document ESCAP/CE/2019/INF/1 contains a summary of the progress made since the first session of the Committee and its priority issues, including the links with Sustainable Development Goal 7. The document contains reports from the Expert Working Group on Universal Access to Modern Energy Services, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Cleaner Use of Fossil Fuels and the Expert Working Group on Energy Connectivity. It also contains potential priority areas of work for the two Expert Working Groups for consideration by the Committee.

The Committee may wish to provide guidance on the focus of the short- and long-term work of the secretariat on energy, taking into account the mandates of the subprogramme and the programme direction and priorities outlined in the programme of work for the biennium 2018–2019. In this regard, the Committee may wish to propose priority areas for the subprogramme with regard to developing the programme of work for 2021 and beyond.

**5. Consideration of draft resolutions, recommendations and decisions for submission to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its seventy-sixth session**

Under this agenda item, member States may wish to circulate, in advance, proposals and/or texts of draft resolutions on priority issues related to energy for consideration by the Commission at its seventy-sixth session.

**6. Other matters**

The Committee may wish to consider other matters brought to its attention.

**7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its second session**

**Documentation**

Draft report (ESCAP/CE/2019/L.2)

**Annotation**

The Committee will consider and adopt the report on its second session for submission to the Commission at its seventy-sixth session.