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**Draft programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019:
subprogramme 9 on energy****

Introduction

1. The draft programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019 is based on the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2018-2019 and the mandates reflected therein, as endorsed by the Commission at its seventy-second session in 2016 and as recommended by the Committee for Programme and Coordination for approval by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session.
2. The draft programme of work will be considered by the Commission at its seventy-third session in May 2017.
3. This document is submitted to the Committee on Energy for information.

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Subprogramme 9

Energy

19.73 The substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Energy Division. The strategic direction of the subprogramme is mainly derived from the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the outcomes of the first Asian and Pacific Energy Forum and resolutions listed below under legislative mandates. In particular, the subprogramme will support member States in achieving Goal 7 of the 2030 Agenda (Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all).

19.74 The subprogramme will support and strengthen regional intergovernmental frameworks on energy, in particular the Asian and Pacific Energy Forum and its Implementation Support Mechanism. The subprogramme will also work on strengthening the capacity and functions of national focal points of the Forum to track new initiatives and policies in relation to Goal 7 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the outcomes of the first Asian and Pacific Energy Forum. The subprogramme will also contribute to the operation of the Asia-Pacific Sustainable Energy for All Regional Hub hosted by ESCAP, the United Nations Development Programme and the Asian Development Bank.

19.75 The subprogramme will focus on strengthening knowledge and promoting policies and strategies for enhanced energy security and the sustainable use of energy through the dissemination of information on global trends and development in new and renewable energy technologies and modalities for energy-related interventions, to support member States in devising relevant national and regional policy frameworks that include gender perspectives. The subprogramme will also provide member States with a collaborative platform on best practices and knowledge exchange, host policy dialogues on energy security and sustainable use of energy and provide expert advisory services.

19.76 In collaboration with its partners and networks, the subprogramme will disseminate information on energy access, energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy connectivity and trade, and their policy dimensions.

19.77 The subprogramme will support countries in further strengthening regional cooperation on energy, developing regional policy frameworks and initiatives that promote energy connectivity, including generation (appropriate fuel mix), transmission and distribution, developing an environment conducive to private sector involvement and public-private partnerships financing models and forging consensus and establishing partnerships and agreements on regional energy connectivity and transboundary power trade.

19.78 In order to achieve the above, ESCAP will collaborate with relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes (including through the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism), international, regional and subregional organizations, public-private partnerships, community-based organizations, research institutes, associations and other civil society organizations. The subprogramme will work with other ESCAP subprogrammes to integrate the three dimensions of sustainable development and to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

Table 19.14

Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To enhance energy security and energy connectivity, as means to support access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all in Asia and the Pacific, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

<i>Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>	<i>Performance measures</i>			
		<i>Biennium</i>	<i>2018-19</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2014-15</i>
(a) Improved policy frameworks to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all, including gender perspectives	(i) Increased number of policy documents, declarations and statements by member States showing an alignment of energy policies with ESCAP-promoted policy options for sustainable development	<i>Target</i>	2	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>	-	-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(ii) Increased number of activities launched by member States to strengthen their policy framework for energy security, sustainable use of energy and energy connectivity, including gender perspectives, following ESCAP interventions	<i>Target</i>	4	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>	-	-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
(b) Enhanced regional cooperation frameworks on energy security, sustainable use of energy and energy connectivity	(i) Increased number of specific areas/topics related to energy security, sustainable use of energy and energy connectivity discussed and agreed upon at the regional level	<i>Target</i>	2	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>	-	-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-
	(ii) Increased number of ESCAP-facilitated regional cooperation mechanisms on energy security, sustainable use of energy and energy connectivity	<i>Target</i>	1	-	-
		<i>Estimate</i>	-	-	-
		<i>Actual</i>			-

External factors

19.79 The objective of the subprogramme and expected accomplishments will be achieved assuming that the following conditions are fulfilled: (a) stable geopolitical environment in the region for intergovernmental agreements and devise strategy for energy connectivity; (b) member States' policy on energy and global perspective on energy development ; (c) availability of funding, investment at country and sub-regional level for expansion of energy services for energy security; (d) availability of updated and reliable country data on energy and support from energy focal points; (e) government institutions and civil society organizations have the necessary human and financial capabilities to ensure successful cooperation; and (f) adequate extrabudgetary resources are mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Outputs

During the biennium 2018-2019, the following outputs will be delivered:

<i>Outputs</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
A- Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies, and reports thereto (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
<i>Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific</i>	
Parliamentary documentation	
Reports on issues related to energy (2018, 2019)	2
<i>ESCAP Committee on Energy</i>	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
Plenary (2019)	6
Parliamentary documentation	
Report of the Committee on Energy (2019)	1
Report on major issues related to energy (2019)	1
<i>Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum (APEF)</i>	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
Plenary (2018)	8
Parliamentary documentation	
Report of the Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum (2018)	1
Report on major issues related to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 for enhanced energy security and the sustainable use of energy (2018)	1
Ad hoc expert groups	
Expert group meeting to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (2018)	1
Expert group meeting on energy connectivity and regional cooperation (2019)	1
Assistance to intergovernmental bodies and/or United Nations representatives/rapporteurs under their established mandates	
United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA): Thematic Working Group on Water, Energy and Environment (energy-related issues)	2
B- Other substantive activities (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
Recurrent publications	
<i>Regional Trends Report on Energy for Sustainable Development</i> (2018)	1
<i>Regional energy connectivity in Asia and the Pacific</i> (2019)	1
Non-recurrent publications	
<i>Renewable Energy Development in Asia and the Pacific</i> (2019)	1
Technical materials	
Policy briefs on emerging and critical issues related to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7	1
Annual policy update of the Asia Pacific Energy Portal	2
Bi-annual data update of the Asia Pacific Energy Portal	4

<i>Outputs</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
C- Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
Training courses, seminars and workshops	
Policy dialogue on regional cooperation for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (2018, 2019)	2
Field projects	
Policy advocacy and capacity-building on the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 and the implementation of the outcome of the second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum	1
