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Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity
Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels

Third session
Geneva, 14 May 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION¹

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 14 May 2009²

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

¹ This document has been submitted late in order to include information on the latest progress in the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels.

² New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the website of the UNECE Sustainable Energy Division (<http://www.unece.org/ie/>), and transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, if possible at least two weeks prior to the session – namely, by **1 May 2009** – either by fax (+41 22 917 0038) or by e-mail (laurence.rotta@unece.org). Delegates are advised to present themselves at least one hour prior to the start of the meeting at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix opposite the Red Cross Building (see the map on the Energy Division's website), for the issuance of an identification badge. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (internal extension 75976).

2. Election of Officers.
3. Activities and priorities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and any matters for consideration by the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.
4. Opening remarks from the Chair.
5. Review of the programme of work for 2009-2010.
6. Trust fund.
7. Other business.
8. Adoption of the report of the meeting.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item is the adoption of the agenda³.

Item 2: Election of Officers

2. Participants will elect officers of the meeting.

Item 3: Activities and priorities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and any matters for consideration by the Ad Hoc Group of Experts

3. The secretariat will provide an overview of recent activities within the work programme of the Committee on Sustainable Energy following its seventeenth session in November 2008, with particular emphasis on any decisions taken with regard to the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts (ECE/ENERGY/78).

Item 4: Opening Remarks from the Chair

4. The Chair will deliver opening remarks.

³ Official documents for the session will be issued in English, French and Russian and will be posted as soon as they become available to the Official Document System of the United Nations website at: <http://documents.un.org/> and the ECE Sustainable Energy Division website at: http://www.unece.org/ie/se/clep_ahge.html.

Item 5: Review of the programme of work for 2009-2010

5. The meeting will review progress on the action items in the programme of work set forth in the report of the second session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts (ECE/ENERGY/GE.5/2008/2).

6. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts will be given an opportunity to discuss the programme of work for 2009-2010, including proposals of specific activities to be carried out during this period. In consultation with the Chair, the secretariat submitted last year a proposal to the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) for a project entitled “Enhancing investment in advanced fossil fuel technologies for climate change mitigation and sustainable development in countries with economies in transition”. The initial feedback on the proposal from UNDA has been positive.

Item 6: Trust fund

7. The meeting will discuss extrabudgetary funding to support activities of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts and the establishment of a dedicated United Nations trust fund to further promote activities on fostering investment in cleaner electricity production in the ECE region.

8. The ability of the Ad Group of Experts to carry out activities and deliverables in support of the programme of work could be enhanced by additional resources beyond those provided by the regular UNECE budget. Participants need to decide on the focus of the trust fund. For example, within its focus such a fund could support the production of capacity building workshops, exchange forums, studies and reports that address issues of importance to the Ad Hoc Group of Experts. In addition, the funding could also support increased participation by experts from emerging economies.

9. The Chairman and the Bureau intend to submit, for consideration, provisional terms of reference for the trust fund prior to the meeting.

Item 7: Other business

10. The fourth session is scheduled for 16-17 November 2009.

11. The meeting may discuss any other pertinent issues that arise before or during the session, and that fall within the scope of the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts (ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2006/2, Annex). To the extent possible, delegates are encouraged to notify the secretariat and Chair in advance if they wish to raise any issues under Item 7.

Item 8: Adoption of the report of the meeting

III. PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

14 May 2009

8 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Registration to receive credentials at the Pregny Gate, 14 Avenue de la Paix, 1211 Geneva - Switzerland
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Items 1-5
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Items 6-8

A detailed time schedule for the session will be posted to the UNECE Sustainable Energy Division website⁴ and sent to registrants prior to the meeting.

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⁴ http://www.unece.org/ie/se/clep_ahge.html.