


**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA (ESCWA)**
**Expert Group Meeting: “Tracking progress toward the implementation of energy related SDGs in the Arab region”, 14-15 May 2017- Cairo, Egypt**

*DAY 1: Sunday, 14 May 2017 from 16:00 till 18:00*

- 16:00 – 16:30**    **REGISTRATION**
- 16:30 – 16:45**    **OPENING SESSION AND INTRODUCTION**  
**MODERATOR:** *Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division (SDPD)–ESCWA*  
**WELCOMING REMARKS:**  
*Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director Sustainable Development Policies Division SDPD-ESCWA*
- Tour de Table (10 min.)
- 16:45 – 16:50**    **SETTING THE CONTEXT: AGENDA & EXPECTED OUTCOMES FROM THE EGM**  
*Ms. Bothayna Rashed, Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Section, SDPD–ESCWA*
- 16:50 – 17:20**    **SESSION 1: TRACKING PROGRESS TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IN THE ARAB REGION**  
**MODERATOR:** *Mr. Taoufik Laabi, Energy Expert, Morocco*
- 16:50 – 17:10**    **TRACKING PROGRESS TOWARD SUSTAINABLE ENERGY: MAJOR TRENDS FOR THE ARAB COUNTRIES**  
*Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, SDPD–ESCWA*
- 17:10– 17:20**    **Q&A and Discussion**
- 17:20 – 18:00**    **SESSION 2: UPDATE FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON ENERGY RELATED ACTIVITIES**  
**MODERATOR:** *Dr. Ibrahim Abdel Gelil Abdalla, Adjunct Prof. Arabian Gulf University, Consultant, Energy and Environment*
- 17:20 – 17:30**    **PRESENTATION FROM AFREC**  
*Mr. Atef Marzouq, Interim Executive Director, African Energy Commission (AFREC)*
- 17:30 – 17:40**    **PRESENTATION FROM IRENA**  
*Mr. Gurbuz Gunul, Senior Programme Officer-Region, IRENA*
- 17:40 – 17:50**    **PRESENTATION FROM OAPEC**  
*Mr. ElTaher A Sghir Elziton, Energy Analyst, OAPEC*
- 17:50 – 17:55**    **Q&A and Discussion**
- 17:55 – 18:00**    **FIRST DAY WRAP UP**

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**DAY 2: Monday, 15 May 2017 from 14:30 till 18:00**


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**14:30 – 15:30 SESSION 3: ENERGY POLICY CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED**

**MODERATOR:** *Mr. Malek Kabariti, Former Minister, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Jordan*

**14:30 – 14:50 ENERGY POLICY CHALLENGES IN THE ARAB REGION**

*M. M. Mongi Bida, First Economic Officer Energy Section, SDPD – ESCWA*

**14:50 – 15:30 PANEL DISCUSSION****Key guiding questions for discussion:**

- *Are the existing policies and institutional frameworks capable of providing the enabling conditions to tap into this potential and meet these targets?*
- *What are the urgent steps that need to be taken by Arab governments to adopt a proactive approach for developing more sustainable energy systems?*
- *How can Arab countries integrate the energy related sustainable development goals (SDGs) and associated targets, particularly SDG7, into their socio-economic development plans and what kind of monitoring mechanisms are required?*

**PANELISTS**

- *Ms. Anhar Hegazi, Energy & Sustainable development consultant & a member of the Board of Egyptian Environment Affairs Agency, Egypt*
- *Mr. Mohamed El Haouari, Director of RE & EE Dept., National agency for RE & EE, Morocco*
- *Ms. Kawther Lihidheb, International Energy Specialist, ECONOLER, Tunisia*
- *Mr. Hamed Abdo Ahmed Al Hammadi, Director of Environment Statistics and Sustainable Development, Central Statistical Organization, Yemen*
- *Hussain Jaffar Abdulla Makki Ali, Director of studies and International Relations Department, NOGA-National Oil and Gas Authority, Bahrain*

**15:30 – 15:45 COFFEE BREAK****15:45– 17:20 SESSION 4: COUNTRY UPDATE ON ENERGY POLICIES AND PROGRESS TOWARD SUSTAINABLE ENERGY**

**MODERATOR:** *Dr. Mohammed EL-Khayat, Vice Chairman for Studies, Research, and Technical Affairs, New & Renewable Energy Authority (NREA), Egypt*

- *Mr. Mustafa Mohammad Mustafa Khatib, Director of Electricity Department, Ministry of Energy and Minerals Resources, Jordan*
- *Ms. Aurore Feghaly, General Director of Oil, Ministry of Energy & Water, Lebanon*
- *Mr. Ayman Fouad Ismail. General Manager, Palestinian Energy and natural Resources Authority, Palestine*
- *Mr. Nedal Karamoucheh, Minister's Assistant, Ministry of Electricity, Syria*
- *Others ... (TBC)*

**17:20 – 17:50 Q&A and Discussion**

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**17:50– 18:00 Wrap-up and Concluding Remark**