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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA (ESCWA)
 ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (ECE)**

Regional Seminar on: «Enabling Policies to Promote Financing Renewable Energy Investments»

19-20 October 2016, in the framework of the Seventh International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development International Conference on Renewable Energy (18-21 October 2016) - Baku, Azerbaijan

Draft AGENDA

DAY 1: Wednesday, 19 October 2016

- 09:00 – 09:10 **OPENING SESSION: WELCOMING WORDS & PROJECT OVERVIEW**
Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief, Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division (SDPD) – ESCWA
- 09:10 – 09:25 Overview of the Project & Expected Outcomes from the Seminar
Mr. Mongi Bida, SDPD - ESCWA & Mr. Viktor Badaker, SED – UNECE – Project Managers
- 09:25 – 13:00 SESSION 1: POLICIES AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS TO PROMOTE INVESTMENTS IN RE PROJECTS – Part 1**
Chairperson/Moderator: *Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief, Energy Section, SDPD - ESCWA*
- 09:25 – 09:50 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 1:** “The Dynamics of Renewable Energy Policies Development: Key stakeholders, process and barriers”. *Dr. Dhamir Manai, Former Member of the Tunisian Parliament, Parliamentary Advisor / Regional Director, Africa and Middle East - Climate Parliament*
- 09:50 – 10:45 **Panel Discussion 1**
 Presentation of ESCWA Case Study of Morocco (15 min)
Mr. Taoufik Laabi, ESCWA Consultant for Morocco Case Study
 Panel Discussion ESCWA North African Sub-region (40 min)
Panelists:
Mr. Mohamed Elhouari, Director of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, National Agency for Development of RE & EE (ADEREE), Morocco
Dr. Dhamir Manai, Former Member of the Tunisian Parliament, Parliamentary Advisor / Regional Director, Africa and Middle East - Climate Parliament
Mr. Salaheldin Hassabelgabo Abdelrazig Ibrahim, Director, Department of Nuclear & Renewable Energy, Ministry of Water Resources & Electricity, Sudan
Ms. Jianrong Wang, Deputy Marketing Director of International Department, China Power Engineering Consulting Group Co. Ltd

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10:45 – 11:05 **Coffee Break**

11:05 – 12:05 **Panel Discussion 2**

Presentation of ESCWA Case Studies of Jordan and Lebanon (20 min)

Dr. Jamel Jaber, ESCWA Consultant for Jordan Case Study

Dr. Joseph Al Assad, ESCWA Consultant for Lebanon Case Study

Panel Discussion ESCWA Middle East Sub-region (40 min)

Panelists:

Ms. Aurore Feghaly, General Director of Oil, Ministry of Energy & Water, Lebanon

Mr. Mohammed Abdel Fattah Mofleh AlDabbas, Secretary General Assistant for Energy Affairs, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Jordan

12:05 – 13:00 **Panel Discussion 3**

Presentation of ESCWA Case Study of the United Arab Emirates (15 min)

Dr. Toufic Mezher, ESCWA Consultant for UAE

Panel Discussion ESCWA Gulf Countries' Sub-region (40 min)

Panelists:

Dr. Mostefa Ouki, Vice President Energy & Chemicals, Nexant, United Kingdom

Dr. Ibrahim Abdel Gelil, KAPSARC Visiting Fellow

13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00 – 18:00 **SESSION 2: POLICIES AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS TO PROMOTE INVESTMENTS
IN RE PROJECTS – Part 2**

Chairperson/Moderator: *Mr. Viktor Badaker, Project Manager, SED - UNECE*

14:00 – 14:25 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 2:** *Mr. Yuechun Yi, Deputy Director-General, China
Renewable Energy Engineering Institute, P.R. China*

14:25 – 15:35 **Panel Discussion 4**

Presentation of UNECE Case Study of Ukraine (15 min)

Mr. Roman Podolets, Ukraine

Presentation of UNECE Case Study of Serbia (15 min)

Mr. Milan Ristanović, Serbia

Panel Discussion UNECE Eastern and South-East Europe Sub-regions (40 min)

Panelists:

Mr. Volodymyr Lyaschenko, Project Manager, UNDP GEF Bioenergy project in Ukraine

Mr. Kostiantyn Gura, Acting Director of Green Investment Development Center, State Agency on Energy Efficiency and Energy Saving of Ukraine

Ms. Maja Matejic, UNDP Programme Manager, Bioenergy project in Serbia

Mr. Sergiu Robu, Energy Planning Expert, Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Institute of Energy

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15:35 – 16:05 Coffee Break

16:05 – 17:15 Panel Discussion 5

Presentation of UNECE Case Study of Georgia (15 min)

Mr. George Abulashvili, Georgia

Presentation of UNECE Case Study of Kazakhstan (15 min)

Mr. Maulit Abenov, Kazakhstan

Panel Discussion UNECE Central Asia and the Caucasus Sub-regions (40 min)

Panelists:

Mr. Fagan Abruksmanov, State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources of Azerbaijan, Bioenergy Project in Azerbaijan

Mr. Roman Zakhidov, Head of the Department Academy of Sciences, Institute of Power Engineering of Academy of Sciences

Mr. Shamil Dikambaev, Head of the Laboratory, Senior researcher, Kyrgyz Science Technical Centre “Energy”

Mr. Chingiz Mammadov, UNDP Azerbaijan Senior Programme Advisor, Renewable Energy in Azerbaijan

Ms. Nino Antadze, Team Leader, Energy and Environment Portfolio, UNDP Georgia

17:15 – 18:00 Wrap-up and Concluding Remarks

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DAY 2: Thursday, 20 October 2016

11:50 – 13:00 **SESSION 3:**

Concluding Session of the Regional Seminar on: «Enabling Policies to Promote Financing Renewable energy Investments»

Lessons learned from Case studies on policy reforms conducted in ESCWA and UNECE member Countries

Chairperson/Moderator: *Mr. Manlio Coviello, Chief, Natural Resources & Energy Unit, ECLAC*

- Presentation of lessons learned from ESCWA case studies (15 min)
- Presentation of lessons learned from UNECE case studies (15 min)
- Panel Discussion on the role of policy reforms in promoting RE investments (40 min)

Panelists:

Mr. Mohamed Elhouari, Director of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, National Agency for Development of RE & EE (ADEREE), Morocco

Dr. Dhamir Manai, Former Member of the Tunisian Parliament, Parliamentary Advisor / Regional Director, Africa and Middle East - Climate Parliament

Mr. Aleksandar Dukovski, Director, Energy Agency of the Republic of Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Mr. Emmanuel Bergasse, Energy Economist, Independent Expert, France

Mr. Shamil Huseynov, Head of Division, Committee on Natural Resources, Energy and Ecology under the National Assembly of Azerbaijan