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UNDA Project Closing Workshop: “Renewable Energy UNDA project conclusions and way forward”
13-14 December 2017, Lancaster Plaza Hotel, Raouche - Beirut, Lebanon

Draft AGENDA

DAY 1: Wednesday December 13th, 2017

08:30 – 09:15 REGISTRATION

09:15 – 09:30 OPENING SESSION: WELCOMING WORDS
Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division (SDPD) – UN ESCWA (tbc)
Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Economic Affairs Officer, Secretary of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy (GERE), Sustainable Energy Division (SED), UNECE

09:30 – 09:45 Overview of Completed Project Activities & Expected Outcomes from the Workshop
Mr Mongi Bida, First Economic Affairs Officer, SDPD - UN ESCWA
Mr Viktor Badaker, Regional Adviser, SED - UNECE

09:45 – 12:00 SESSION 1: THE UNDA RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS’ PORTFOLIO AND REQUIRED NEXT STEPS

Chairperson: H.E. Mr. Thamir Al Ghadban, Former Iraqi Minister of Oil

09:45 – 10:15 Overview of UN ESCWA and UNECE RE Portfolio and Technical assistance process
Mr. Deltcho Vitchev / ESCWA Consultant - Director, Renaissance Finance International

Part 1: The UN ESCWA RE Projects Portfolio

10:15 – 10:30 Presentation of RE Projects from Palestine
Mr. Abdel Ra’uof Sheikh Samih, General Manager - Hebron Electric Power Company, Palestine

10:30 – 10:45 Presentation of a RE Projects from Sudan
Project1: Ms. Muna Mahjoub Mohamed Ahmed, Manager - Agricultural Technology Transfer Society, Sudan
Project2: Ms. Hazir Farouk, Assistant professor - Sudan University of Science and Technology, Sudan

10:45 – 10:55 Presentation of a RE Project from Libya
Mr. Khaled Dadesh, Board Member REAOL, Libya

10:55 – 11:25 Coffee Break / Networking
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**DAY 1: Wednesday December 13th, 2017 (Continued)**

11:25 – 12:20 Panel Discussion 1
Challenges and additional requirements to reach full bankability for the UN ESCWA RE Project Development Portfolio (55 min)
Moderator: Mr. Walid El Baba, CEO – WEBCO Sarl, Lebanon
Rapporteur: Ms. Fariba Hosseini, ESCWA Consultant
Panelists:
* Mr. Nader Betar, Advisor on RE & EE of the Federation of CCI, Palestine
* Ms. Hazir Farouk, Assistant professor - Sudan University of Science and Technology, Sudan
* Mr. Khaled Dadesh, Board Member REAOL, Libya
* Mr. Saad Sabrah, Country Head-Lebanon, IFC- World Bank Group
* Mr. Vassilis Triantafyllos, Legal and Regulatory Adviser, Revelle Group - Belgium

12:20 – 13:00 Session 1 (Continued)
**PART 2: THE UN ECE RE PROJECTS PORTFOLIO AND REQUIRED NEXT STEPS**

12:20 – 12:30 Presentation of RE Project from Uzbekistan
Mr. Olimjon Saidmamatov, Project developer, Urgench State University, Uzbekistan

12:30 – 12:40 Presentation of RE Project from Ukraine
Mr. Mykola Shlapak, Project Developer, Ukraine

12:40 – 12:50 Presentation of RE Project from Albania
Mr. Artan Leskoviku, Director of Energy National Agency of Natural Resources, Albania

12:50 – 13:00 Presentation of RE Project from Azerbaijan
Ms. Ulkar Hamidli, State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources, Azerbaijan

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch Break / Networking

14:30 – 15:25 Session 1 / Part 2 (Continued)
Panel Discussion 2
Challenges and additional requirements to reach full bankability for the UN ECE RE Project Development Portfolio (55 min)
Moderator: Mr. Viktor Badaker, Regional Adviser, SED - UNECE
Rapporteur: Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Economic Affairs Officer, Secretary of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, SED - UNECE
Panelists:
* Mr. Olimjon Saidmamatov, Project developer, Urgench State University, Uzbekistan
* Mr. Mykola Shlapak, Project Developer, Ukraine
* Mr. Artan Leskoviku, Director of Energy National Agency of Natural Resources, Albania
* Mr. Aleksander Dukovski, Director, Energy Agency of the Republic of Macedonia
* Mr. Vassilis Triantafyllos, Legal and Regulatory Adviser, Revelle Group – Belgium

**Note:** It is expected that the Rapporteurs will provide a synthesis of the discussions outlining the challenges and possible opportunities for financing UN ESCWA and UN ECE RE Projects.
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15:25 – 15:55 Coffee Break / Networking

15:55 – 17:00 Session 2: Opportunities for International Financing of Renewable Energy Projects in UN ESCWA and UN ECE Member Countries.

15:55 – 16:15 Keynote Presentation: “Opportunities for International Financing of Renewable Energy Projects in UN ESCWA and UN ECE Member countries: Challenges and Requirements”
Mr. Vassilis Triantafyllos, Legal and Regulatory Adviser, Revelle Group - Belgium

16:15 – 17:00 Panel Discussion 3
Challenges and possible opportunities for international financing of Renewable Energy Projects in UN ESCWA and UN ECE Member countries (45 min)

Moderator: Mr. Rafik Missaoui, Senior Sustainable Energy Expert / CEO ALCOR

Rapporteur: Mr. Deltcho Vitchev / ESCWA Consultant - Director, Renaissance Finance International

Panelists:
Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Mohina, Undersecretary of Authorities Follow-Up, Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy, Egypt
Mr. Hayk Harutyunyan, Deputy Minister of Energy Infrastructures and Natural resources, Armenia.
Mr. Saad Sabrah, Country Head-Lebanon, IFC- World Bank Group
Mr. Mohamed Hosni Ghedira, Director Research Center for Renewable Energy- Masdar Institute, UAE
Mr. Henning Wuester, Director-Knowledge, Policy and Finance Centre, IRENA

Note: It is expected that the Rapporteur will provide a synthesis of the discussion outlining the challenges and possible opportunities for financing RE Projects in both regions

17:00 – 17:15 Wrap-up and Concluding Remarks for day 1 of workshop
SESSION 3: THE IRENA SUSTAINABLE ENERGY MARKETPLACE PLATFORM AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR PROMOTING INVESTMENTS IN RE PROJECTS IN UN ESCWA & UN ECE MEMBER COUNTRIES

Moderator: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, SDPD – UN ESCWA
Rapporteur: Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Economic Affairs Officer, Secretary of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, SED - UNECE

09:00 – 09:20 Overview of the Marketplace platform
Mr. Henning Wuester, Director – Knowledge, Policy and Finance Centre, IRENA

09:20 – 09:40 Presentation of the regional Hubs developed by IRENA in collaboration with the UN DA project
Mr. Henning Wuester, Director – Knowledge, Policy and Finance Centre, IRENA

09:40 – 10:00 A step-by-step demonstration of using the Marketplace platform to identify financing opportunities for RE projects.
Ms. Habone Osman Moussa, Associate Professional -RE Finance and Project Facilitation, IRENA

10:00 – 11:00 Exercise, Q&A and group discussion to explore the various features of the Marketplace platform
Facilitators:
Mr. Henning Wuester, Director – Knowledge, Policy and Finance Centre, IRENA
Ms. Habone Osman Moussa, Associate Professional -RE Finance and Project Facilitation, IRENA

SESSION 4: CASE STUDIES OF POLICY SUPPORT FOR PROMOTING INVESTMENTS IN RE PROJECTS IN UN ESCWA AND UN ECE MEMBER COUNTRIES

11:30 – 11:40 Presentation of a new Governmental initiative and its impacts on the RE market / Palestine
Mr. Aymen Fuad Ismail, General Director, Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority

11:40 – 11:50 Overview of the Tunisian “Energy Transition Fund” and presentation of its RE incentives
Mr. Rafik Missaoui, Senior Sustainable Energy Expert / CEO ALCOR

11:50 – 12:00 Overview of the Jordanian framework for stimulating private investments in RE projects
Ms. Fariba Hosseini, ESCWA Consultant

12:00 – 12:10 Presentation of a policy instrument for promoting investments in RE projects in Armenia
Mr. Hayk Harutyunyan, Deputy Ministry of Energy Infrastructures and Natural resources, Armenia.

12:10 – 12:20 Presentation of a policy instrument for promoting investments in RE projects in Kazakhstan
Ms. Baltugan Tazhmakina, Ministry of Energy, Kazakhstan

12:20 – 12:30 Presentation of a policy instrument for promoting investments in RE projects in Ukraine
Ms. Uliana Pysmenna, senior scientific expert, IEF UNAS, Ukraine
12:30 – 12:45  Presentation of the Synthesis report on RE policies case studies prepared in the context of the DA project in selected UN ESCWA and UN ECE member countries
    Mr. Joseph Al Assad, ESCWA Consultant

12:45 – 13:30  **Panel Discussion 4**

Role of policy support in stimulating investments of Renewable Energy Projects in UN ESCWA and UN ECE Member countries (45 min)

**Moderator:** Mr. Ali Ahmed, Director of Program on Energy Policy and Security in the Middle East, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Toufik Mezher, Professor - Engineering Systems and Management, Khalifa University of Science and Technology, Abu Dhabi, UAE

**Panelists:**
- Mr. Dhamir Mannai, Director Climate and Energy Section, ADDE Tunisia (Association Development Durable Equitable), Tunisia / Member of UNDA Advisory Board
- Mr. Aleksander Dukovski, Director, Energy Agency of the Republic of Macedonia
- Mr. Vassilis Triantafyllos, Legal and Regulatory Adviser, Revelle Group - Belgium
- Mr. Mazen Halawi, Head of Subsidized Loans and Financing Programs Divisions, Banque du Liban (BdL), Lebanon / Member of UNDA Advisory Board
- Mr. Henning Wuester, Director–Knowledge, Policy and Finance Centre, IRENA

**Note:** It is expected that the Rapporteur will provide a synthesis of the discussion outlining the role that appropriate policies can play in promoting investments in RE Projects in both regions

13:30 – 13:45  Wrap-up and Concluding Remarks for workshop