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

**Regional Workshop on: « Developing a Regional Renewable Energy Investment Pipeline »
 13 June 2017**, in the framework of the Ministerial Conference and Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development (11-14 June 2017) - Astana, Kazakhstan

Draft AGENDA

Tuesday, 13 June 2017

- 09:00 – 09:10 **OPENING SESSION**
 Welcoming words: *Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division (SDPD) – ESCWA*
- 09:10 – 09:25 Overview of the Project & Expected Outcomes from the Workshop
Mr. Mongi Bida, SDPD - ESCWA & Mr. Viktor Badaker, SED – UNECE – Project Managers
- 09:25 – 12:30 SESSION 1: DEVELOPMENT OF ESCWA RENEWABLE ENERGY INVESTMENT PIPELINE**
Chairperson: *Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, SDPD - ESCWA*
- 09:25 – 09:45 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 1:** “Global Technical-Economic Trends for RE technologies, and relevance for developing countries” (20 min)
Mr. Martin Hullin, Project Manager, REN21
- 09:45 – 10:45 **Panel Discussion 1**
 Presentation of ESCWA Project Development Portfolio (20 min)
Mongi Bida, Sustainable Development Policies Division (SDPD) - ESCWA
Panel Discussion on ESCWA RE project portfolio (50 min)
Moderator: *Mr. Mohammed EL-Khayat, Vice Chairman for studies, Research, and Technical affair, New and Renewable Energy Authority (NREA), Egypt*
Panelists:
Ms. Hazir Farouk, Project Developer Representative – Sudan
Mr. Khaled Dadesh, Project Developer Representative – Libya
Mr. Wafa Qutaiana, Project Developer Representative - Palestine
Mr. Dhamir Manai, Regional Director for Africa and the Middle East, Climate Parliament
Mr. Taoufik Laabi, RE expert, Morocco
- 10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 11:10 **Panel Discussion 1 (Continued)**
Wrap-up and concluding remarks for panel discussion 1

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- 11:10 – 11:30 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 2:** “Presentation of the IRENA Marketplace web platform” (20 min), *Mr. Henning Wuester, Director–Knowledge, Policy and Finance Centre, IRENA*
- 11:30 – 11:45 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 3:** “Developing RE investments in the absence/lack of adequate policy and regulatory environments; Lessons learnt from previous experiences” (15 min)
Mr. Nour Mousa, Chief Executive Officer, Desert Technologies
- 11:45 – 12:30 **Panel Discussion 2**
Regulatory and policy requirements for promoting RE investments at the national level: Adopted frameworks in selected Arab countries & outline of key regulatory and policy options,
Introductory presentation (15 min),
Mr. Gurbuz Gonul, Senior Programme Officer – Regions, IRENA
Panel Discussion (30 min)
Moderator: Mr. Malek Kabariti, Frmr Minister of Energy & Mineral Resources, Jordan
Panelists:
Mr. Sidi Mohamed Maadh, Directeur Général, APAUS, Mauritania
Mr. Hamid Sherwali, Chairman, REAOL, Libya
Mr. Nfaa Baccari, Deputy Director, RE Division, ANME, Tunisia
Mr. Toufic Mezher, Professor, Masdar, UAE
- 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break + Group photo**
- 14:00 – 17:20 SESSION 2: DEVELOPMENT OF UNECE RENEWABLE ENERGY INVESTMENT PIPELINE**
Chairperson: *tbd*
- 14:00 – 14:20 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 4:** “Adopting international best practices to reduce project risk and secure the foreign investment required to achieve the transition to the Green Economy in Kazakhstan” (20 min)
Mr. John Woods, Vice President “Minas Energy”, Canada
- 14:20 – 14:40 Advanced International Experience: “Development and implementation of advanced RE technologies in Czech Republic” (20 min)
Presenters:
Mr. Zdeněk ZBYTEK- Board Chairman, ŠKODA Praha
Mr. Peter BODNÁR, Board Chairman - ŠKODA Praha
Mr. Lubomír KOHOUT, Board Chairman, ETD Transformnátorý
Jan ŠÍP – Commerce Director, Mavel

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- 14:40 – 15:30 **Panel Discussion 3**
Overview of UNECE Project Development Portfolio (10 min)
Mr. Deltcho Vitchev, Consultant
Panel Discussion on UNECE RE project portfolio (40 min)
Moderator: Viktor Badaker, UNECE
Panelists:
Mr. Olimjon Saidmamatov, Project Developer Representative - Uzbekistan
Mr. Alaibek Obozov, Project Developer Representative - Kyrgyzstan
Mr. Mykola Shlapak, Project Developer Representative – Ukraine
Mr. Mr. Nicolae Zaharia, Project Developer Representative – Moldova
- 15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee Break**
- 16:00 – 16:20 **Keynote Presentation 5:** “EU Programmes and Financing Facilities on Renewable Energy Investment” (20 min)
Speaker: Ms. Anca-Maria-Simion, EU TAF
- 16:20 – 17:20 **Panel Discussion 4**

Introductory presentation (20 min), “Renewable energy investment opportunities in the region”
Mr. Deltcho Vitchev, Consultant

Panel Discussion (40 min)
Moderator: Anca-Maria-Simion, EC; Gianluca Sambucini ECE
Panelists:
Mr. Valerii Kotsiub, Ukraine
Mr. Jamil Malikov, Azerbaijan
Ms. Margalita Arabidze, Georgia
- 17:20 – 17:30 **Wrap-up and Concluding Remarks for workshop**