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

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’ PORTFOLIOS 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
- Part1: 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 Dadash, Board Member REAOL, Libya
- 10:55 – 11:25** **Coffee Break / Networking**

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- 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**

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- 09:00 – 11:00** **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
- 11:00 – 11:30** **Coffee Break / Networking**
- 11:30 – 13:30** **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

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- 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, Reville 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**