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Group of Experts on Fossil Fuels
First meeting
Beirut, 5 December 2018

Organization of work

Note by the secretariat

1. The secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) has prepared the proposed organization of work for the first meeting of the Group of Experts on Fossil Fuels in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within time limits. The Group of Experts will be presented with the proposed organization of work contained in the annex to this document and shall adopt it in that or an amended form.
2. The first meeting will be convened on Wednesday, 5 December 2018, at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude in the afternoon of the same day at 4:00 p.m.
3. Back to back with the first meeting of the Group of Experts on Fossil Fuels, ESCWA will co-organize the 1st MENA Energy Economics Conference on the 6th and 7th of December 2018 at the American University of Beirut (AUB) Campus. The conference is jointly organized by the Institute of Financial Economics (AUB), ESCWA and Oxford Institute for Energy Studies under the theme “Oil price Dynamics and Energy Transitions in the MENA region.”

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
Wednesday, 5 Dec.		
First Morning session		
8:30 – 9:00		Registration of participants
9:00 – 10:15	<u>Item 1</u>	Opening and welcoming remarks (5 min)
	<u>Item 2</u>	Tour de la Table (10 min)
	<u>Item 3</u>	Presentation of the scope of work of the Group of Experts on Fossil Fuels (10 min)
		Adoption of Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work (5 min)
	<u>Item 4</u>	Energy market development: challenges and prospects for the Arab Region
		(a) Energy market development and outlook: <i>Presentation by Mr. Bassam Fattouh, Director Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, United Kingdom (15 min)</i>
		(b) Role of natural gas for sustainable development: <i>Presentation by Mr. Mostefa Ouki, International Energy Expert, United Kingdom (10 min)</i>
		<i>Discussion (20 min)</i>
Coffee Break: (10:15 – 10:35)		
10:35 – 13:00	<u>Item 5</u>	Technology development and innovation for the fossil fuel industries: opportunities for the Arab countries
		(a) The role of technology for sustainable production and consumption of clean fossil fuels: <i>Presentation by Mr. Adnan ShihabEldin, Director General, Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences KFAS, Kuwait (10 min)</i>
		(b) Carbon management and valorization: challenges and opportunities for the Arab countries <i>Presentation by Ms. Syham Bentouati, Managing Director NAFAS International LLC, Oman (10 min)</i>
		<i>Discussion (20 min)</i>

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Wednesday, 5 December 2018 (continued)

Second Morning session

Item 6

Country perspectives (80 min)

Presentations by regional and country national representatives:

- (a) Mr. Mohammed Chwayyed, Assistant/ General Director of Technical Affairs, *Ministry of Oil*, Iraq
- (b) Ms. Ghussaina AlHilu, Director of Petroleum and Oil Shale Directorate, *Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources*, Jordan
- (c) Mr. Majd Olleik, Strategic Planning consultant, Lebanese petroleum Administration, Ministry of Energy and water, Lebanon
- (d) Mr. Mohamed Bâ, Deputy Director Exploration and Production of Hydrocarbons, *Ministry of Petroleum, Energy and Mines*, Mauritania

Discussion (20 min)

- (e) Mr. Asaad Ezzaher, Head of partnerships and hydrocarbons projects steering service, National Hydrocarbon and Mines Office, Morocco
- (f) Mr. Khaled Alelij, Deputy of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister, *Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources*, Syria

Discussion (25 min)

**Lunch break / Group Photo
(13:00 – 14:30)**

First Afternoon Session

14:30 – 16:00

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(continued)

- (g) Mr. Adil Hassaballa, Head of Exploration Geology Department, *Ministry of Oil and Gas*, Sudan
- (h) Mr. Osama Salem, Director General of the Bureau, *Oil Exploration and Production Authority*, Yemen

Discussion (15 min)

Second Afternoon Session

Item 7

Work program and Priority Actions for the Group of Experts on Fossil Fuels.

- (a) Presentation of the Terms of Reference of the Group of Experts on Fossil Fuels (15 min)

Discussion (25 min)

- (b) Date and venue for next meeting (5 min)
- (c) Other issues (5 min)

Item 8

Closing Remarks (5 min)