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Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project

Seventeenth session
Geneva, 29-30 May 2006

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
opening on Monday, 29 May 2006 at 10 a.m.*

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Recent Developments of the EE21 project
4. Report of the Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser to the UNF “Energy Efficiency Investment Project Development for Climate Change Mitigation”

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5. Presentation of the Project Plan 2006-2009
6. Presentations of National Participating Institutions
7. Other business
8. Conclusions and recommendations.

II. MANDATE AND PURPOSE OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

1. In accordance with the procedures of the project, the Steering Committee reviews progress and provides guidance on the execution of the project, meeting at least once each year for the duration of the project. The Steering Committee determines the activities, results, work methods, participation and procedures, budget, calendar of events and timetable of the project. It secures cooperation with other Sectoral Committees of the Commission, in particular the Committee on Environmental Policy. The Steering Committee undertakes a critical evaluation of the results of the Project. The Chairman of the Steering Committee reports on the progress and activities of the project to the Committee on Sustainable Energy.

2. The objective of the new phase of the EE21 project 2006-2009 will be to assist South-east European, East European and CIS countries to enhance their energy efficiency, diminish fuel poverty arising from economic transition and meet international environmental treaty obligations under the UNFCCC and the UNECE (ENERGY/WP.4/2006/5). The new phase of the EE21 Project is designed to cover the development of carbon emissions trading standards and emissions tracking; finance for energy efficiency investments through advisory services to project sponsors and investors on bankable projects. The intention is to promote a sound business environment and corporate governance to introduce the economic, institutional and regulatory reforms needed to support energy efficiency investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote the Kyoto Protocol mechanisms. These objectives are to be met through energy efficiency investment project development, capacity building, private sector involvement, government policy, institutional reforms, standards and labels, and development of NGOs.

3. During the 2004 Steering Committee meeting, the Bureau and the secretariat were requested to work on the establishment of an investment fund to promote the formation of an energy efficiency market in economies in transition (ENERGY/WP.4/2004/4). A new technical assistance project "Financing Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation" related to an investment fund was approved in 2004 by UNF/UNFIP and in 2005 by the Fonds Francais pour l'Environnement Mondial (FFEM) together with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In November 2005, the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) also approved GEF support for this new project as the third co-financing partner for this work in partnership with UNEP, one of the GEF Implementing Agencies, and an IFI as Co-implementing agency.

4. The last Steering Committee session requested the Bureau and the secretariat to continue its work towards completing the Project Plan 2006-2009, including the creation of a Fund following the approval of proposals to donors, co-financing partners and potential Fund participants and specification of the annual "in-kind" contributions from the participating countries.

5. The latest meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation (Geneva, 1-2 December 2005) contributed to the definition of the new phase of the project (ENERGY/WP.4/GE.1/2005/9). The next session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation will take place on 31 May 2006 (ENERGY/WP.4/GE.1/2006/1).

III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

6. In accordance with UNECE practice, the EE21 Steering Committee will adopt its agenda.

Item 2: Election of Officers

7. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedures, the Steering Committee is expected to elect a Chairman and a number of Vice-Chairmen. The UNECE reforms encourage each Bureau to consist of at least five or more members.

Item 3: Recent Developments of the EE21 project

8. The secretariat will make a presentation on the recent developments of the EE21 Project. Members of the Bureau will give special presentations on recent experience and expectations for the project. The final report of UNECE Energy Efficiency Investment Project Development for Climate Change Mitigation project (ECE-CIS-99-043) has been prepared in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe of 8 June 1999 (ENERGY/WP.4/2006/2). The results of a Web Survey will be also presented (ENERGY/WP.4/2006/3).

Item 4: Report of the Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser to the UNF "Energy Efficiency Investment Project Development for Climate Change Mitigation"

9. The Monitoring and Evaluation Report will be presented by the Evaluation Adviser to the UN Foundation supported project "Energy Efficiency Investment Project Development for Climate Change Mitigation" (ENERGY/WP.4/2006/4).

Item 5: Presentation of the Project Plan 2006-2009

10. A draft Project Plan for the three-year phase of the EE-21 Project (2006-2009) will be circulated among the Steering Committee members in advance; a preliminary version has already been posted on the project's website (ENERGY/WP.4/2006/5). It is expected that the Chairman of the Steering Committee will present and elaborate the proposal after which participating national delegations will have the opportunity to provide their views, comments and guidance to the secretariat in order to complete a final version of the Project Plan.

Item 6: Presentations of National Participating Institutions

11. National delegations, representatives of supporting institutions and the private sector will report on their plans for participation in the project. National delegations will have the opportunity to report on their experience and lessons learned in implementing energy efficiency policies, projects and demonstration zones, including the decision making process they pursue.

Item 7: Other Business

12. At the time of writing there were no matters for discussion under this item.

Item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations

13. The Chairman of the Steering Committee and the secretariat summarise conclusions and recommendations of the session. The report on the meeting will be circulated after the meeting.



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