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Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project
16th session, 29 June – 1 July 2005

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTEENTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
opening on Wednesday, 29 June 2005 at 10 a.m.

1. Special Working Session on Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Mitigation
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Election of officers
4. Energy Efficiency 21 Project Implementation
5. Financing Energy Efficiency for Climate Change Mitigation
6. Regional Network for the Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources RENEUER
7. Other business
8. Conclusions and recommendations.

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ANNOTATIONS

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 Principal Subsidiary Bodies 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. During its fourteenth session in May 2004, the Steering Committee, members of the Bureau, representatives of supporting institutions and the private sector presented an update on the United Nations Foundation and United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNF/UNFIP) Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation project, on work for future cooperation with partners at the French Global Environment Facility, Norwegian Government, Italian Government, the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), the US Department of Energy (US DOE), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Global Environment Facility of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP GEF), and on the Regional Network for the Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources (RENEUER) (ENERGY/WP.4/2004/4).
3. A special one-day working session on Renewable Energy within the Energy Efficiency 21 Project provided an opportunity to review the current status of renewable energy sources in the UNECE region, assess financing modalities for renewable energy investment projects and consider the benefit of renewable energy sources within the Kyoto mechanisms (ENERGY/WP.4/2004/5). The Steering Committee also worked to further elaborate the project plan for the three-year phase (2003-2006).
4. The aim of the project is to enhance regional cooperation on energy efficiency market formation and investment project development to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in economies in transition. It covers 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; and promotes 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. It does so through energy efficiency investment project development, capacity building, involvement of the private sector, government policy and institutional reforms, standards and labels, and the development of non-governmental organizations. Energy Efficiency 21 provides for three technical assistance sub-projects in south-eastern Europe, eastern Europe and the CIS, and central Asia.
5. It is anticipated that the review of Energy Efficiency 21 will be conducted on 30 June-1 July 2005. A selection of presentations will be posted on the Project Website: www.ee-21.net

before the session. Participants are invited to post their presentations and review those of other delegations prior to the meetings in Geneva.

Item 1: Special Working Session on Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Mitigation

The Steering Committee of the EE21 Project will open its meeting with a special working session, jointly organized with the Committee on Sustainable Energy, on the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, with particular focus on issues related to energy efficiency and climate change mitigation. For more details see Annex I.

Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda

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

Item 3: Election of Officers

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 4: Energy Efficiency 21 Project Implementation

Members of the Bureau will give special presentations on recent experience and expectations for the project. 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 5: Financing Energy Efficiency for Climate Change Mitigation

The current phase of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project provides for the development of an investment fund up to US\$ 250 million to finance energy efficiency projects in UNECE member States in eastern Europe and the CIS. In May/ June 2004 the EE21 Project received approval for funding for "Financing Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation" from the United Nations Foundation and the UN Fund for International Partnership. This grant provides US\$ 2 million for a US\$ 6 million technical assistance project on a 1 to 2 co-financing basis. The Chairman of the EE21 Project Steering Committee, members of the Bureau and the secretariat have been working on co-financing for the project. It is expected that the Chairman of the Steering Committee and the secretariat will present the status of the project after which participating national delegations will have an opportunity to provide their views, comments and guidance to the secretariat in order to draft a final version of the Project Plan.

Item 6: Regional Network for the Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources RENEUER

The Energy Efficiency 21 Project provides for a sub-regional technical assistance project comprising a network of experts from Southeast European countries and supporting institutions. Recent developments in project operations as well as its three-year summary will be reviewed. Delegations are requested to consult the project's website www.RENEUER.com prior to the Steering Committee session.

Item 7: Other Business

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

Item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations

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.

ANNEX I

SPECIAL WORKING SESSION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL, ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

organized by the Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project, jointly
with the Committee on Sustainable Energy, on Wednesday 29 June 2005

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

8.30 a.m. Registration of Participants

10-11.30 a.m.

Introduction

Senior Representative of UNECE

The Sustainable Energy sub-programme aims to promote a sustainable energy development strategy for the region. Climate change mitigation efforts are made through the EE21 Project which has operated since 1991 to enhance trade and cooperation in energy efficient, environmentally-sound techniques and management practices, and to promote energy efficiency market formation and investment projects development.

Keynote Speakers

Overview of the issue and how the Kyoto Protocol mechanisms will contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and therefore to the climate change mitigation effort through emissions trading, i.e. enabling the countries to sell and buy emission credits among themselves.

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kyoto Protocol, Targets and Entry into Force

Senior Representative of UNFCCC secretariat

The Convention on Climate Change sets an overall framework for intergovernmental efforts to tackle the challenge posed by climate change. The 1997 Kyoto Protocol shares the Convention's objective, principles and institutions.

The European Union (EU) Commitment to the Kyoto Protocol

Senior Representative of the European Commission

The EU is at the forefront of international efforts to combat climate change and has played a key role in the development of the two major treaties addressing the issue, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol.

Meeting Kyoto Protocol Targets in the Russian Federation

Senior Representative of the Government of the Russian Federation

In November 2004, the Russian Federation deposited its instrument of ratification to the UN Secretary-General, which triggered the Protocol's entry into force on 16 February 2005. Russia's share now brings the total to over 60%, fulfilling the second criterion.

The United Nations Foundation (UNF) and the Challenge of Climate Change

Senior Representative of the UNF

The UNF recognizes the importance of international action and seeks to identify activities that promote sustainable, climate-friendly energy policies and practices, focusing their climate change programme on activities that strengthen UN leadership.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation

Senior Representative of UNECE

The Steering Committee, composed of delegates from national participating ministries and institutions, international organizations and donor agencies, guides and monitors the Energy Efficiency 21 project.

1 p.m.

Lunch

3-6 p.m.

The French Global Environment Facility (FFEM) Response to the Kyoto Protocol

Senior Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the "Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial" - FFEM

The FFEM, a bilateral fund set up in 1994 by the French government following the Rio Summit, encourages projects that reduce the consumption of fossil or organic carbon through improved energy efficiency; renewable energy and substitution by energy sources producing fewer CO₂ emissions; carbon sequestration in forests and soils.

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and Climate Change Mitigation

Senior Representative of the EBRD

The EBRD uses the tools of investment to help build market economies and democracies in 27 countries in central Europe and central Asia. The main role of the Bank in the field of carbon finance, carbon credits to help finance GHG reduction projects, is to act as financier of emission reduction projects in the EBRD region.

Climate Change and the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Senior Representative of the GEF

The GEF, established in 1991, helps developing countries fund projects and programmes that protect the global environment. As the financial mechanism for UNFCCC, GEF receives guidance from the Conference of the Parties (COP) on policy, programme priorities, and eligibility criteria related to the Convention.

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Investment Funds

Senior Representative of Fund Managers

Investment Funds associated with the Energy Efficiency 21 Project were under development during 2004. Senior representatives of the fund managers will present their investment funds.

Concluding Remarks

The Chairman of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and the secretariat summarise conclusions and recommendations of the session.

6 p.m.

Reception

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ANNEX II

STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY 21 PROJECT

Sixteenth session, 29 June–1 July 2005
Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
Opening at 10 a.m. Monday, 29 June 2005

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