

6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Group of Experts on Gas  
**Salle XI, Palais des Nations**  
Geneva, 25-26 March 2019  
**Draft Timetable**

25 March 2019		
Time	Agenda item	Speakers/Panellists
09:20	Registration and welcome coffee	Sponsored by PGNiG
10:00	Housekeeping	Mr. Branko Milicevic, Secretary, Group of Experts on Gas
10:02	<b>Item 1: Adoption of the agenda</b>	Mr. Francisco de la Flor García, Chair, Group of Experts on Gas
10:05	<b>Item 2: Opening remarks</b>	Mr. Francisco de la Flor García, Chair, Group of Experts on Gas H.E. Mr. Abbas Ali Al-Naqi, Secretary-General, OAPEC
10:20	<b>Item 3: Election of officers</b>	Mr. Branko Milicevic, Secretary, Group of Experts on Gas
10:25	<b>Item 4: Activities and priorities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy</b> The secretariat will present the project “Pathways to Sustainable Energy”. The experts can seize this opportunity to discuss the role for gas in the sustainable energy system of the future.	Mr. Scott Foster, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE Ms. Iva Brkic, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE
11:00	<b>Item 5: The role of gas in attaining the Sustainable Development Goals</b> How an increased share of gas in the total primary energy supply could help ECE member States attain a range of environmental, economic and social objectives of the UN 2030 Agenda? How to efficiently balance developmental and decarbonisation goals? What will be outcomes of the new project: “Improving understanding of the ECE member States on the role of natural gas in achieving 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement”?	<i>Moderator:</i> Mr Rafael Huarte, IGU <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Steve Hamburg, EDF Mr. Sid-Ahmed Hamdani, GECF Ms. Pakinam Kafafi, TAQA Arabia, Egypt Ms. Iva Brkic, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE Mr. Konstantin Romanov, Gazprom (invited) IEA
12:00	<b>Item 6: Exploring synergies between gas, renewable energy and energy efficiency</b> What is the least-cost path towards a sustainable energy system of the future? Can achieving such a system be found within the triangle “gas-renewable energy-energy efficiency”? How to maximise synergies between energy efficiency, gas and renewable energy? How can UNECE experts on gas, renewable energy, and energy efficiency work together?	<i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Francisco de la Flor García, Chair, Group of Experts on Gas <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Giles Dickson – CEO of WindEurope Ms. Walburga Hemmetsberger, CEO, Solar Power Europe Mr. Alfonso Vigue – Naturgy Mr. Hannes Mac Nulty, Vice-Chair, GEEE
13:00	Lunch	
13:30	Launch of the project: “Improving understanding of the ECE member States on the role of natural gas in achieving 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement”	<i>Presenters:</i> Ms. Iva Brkic, UNECE Mr. John Roberts, Methinks, United Kingdom
14:30	After-lunch coffee break	Sponsored by ???
15:00	<b>Item 7: Promoting sustainable and clean production, distribution, and consumption of gas</b> How will recently completed or planned pipelines improve gas supply and energy security in Europe? Focus on four supply routes: - West: North Sea (Norway-Poland) - North: Baltic (NordStream2) - East: Caspian basin (TAP) - South: Eastern Mediterranean Are innovative policy approaches needed to harness these new supplies economically, sustainably and equitably How to foster social development, inclusiveness and innovation?	<i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Torstein Indrebø, Vice-chair, Group of Experts on Gas <i>Panellists:</i> Ms. Margarita Hoffmann, Wintershall Mr. Piotr Kus, Gaz-System, Poland Mr Vugar Veysalov, Trans Adriatic Pipeline AG Mr. Amir Foster, Israel Assoc. of Oil & Gas, Israel  Open discussion, Q&A

16:00	<p><b>Item 8: Joint Meeting of UNECE and the Oil and Gas Subcommittee of the Global Methane Initiative</b></p> <p>Update from the GMI Administrative Support Group: Announcing the 2019 Global Methane Challenge</p> <p>Update from the Climate and Clean Air Coalition Oil and Gas Methane Partnership (CCAC OGMP)</p> <p>Update on UNECE project “Best Practice Guidelines for Methane Management in the Oil and Gas Sector”</p> <p>Discussion: Identifying and addressing barriers to oil and gas methane mitigation projects in GMI Partner countries</p>	<p><i>Moderators:</i></p> <p>Mr. James Diamond, Environment and Climate Change Canada Dr. Paulina Serrano, PEMEX, GMI subcommittee co-chairs</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p>Ms. Monica Shimamura, GMI Administrative Support Group Mr. Manfredi Caltagirone, CCAC OGMP Mr. Torleif Haugland, Carbonlimits, Norway Representatives from GMI Partner countries and Project Network members</p>
18:15	Networking reception	Sponsored by the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF)

## 26 March 2019

Time	Agenda item	Speakers/Panellists
10:00	<p><b>Item 8: Joint Meeting of UNECE and the Oil and Gas Subcommittee of the Global Methane Initiative (cont.)</b></p> <p>Discussion (cont.): Identifying and addressing barriers to oil and gas methane mitigation projects in GMI Partner countries</p>	<p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <p>Mr. Eduardo José Sánchez-Sierra, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Colombia</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <p>Representatives from GMI Partner countries and Project Network members</p>
11:00	<p><b>Item 9: The role of gas in improving urban and indoor air quality</b></p> <p>Why air quality and pollution significantly increased in urban areas of some ECE member States?</p> <p>How to mitigate or avoid these environmental crises?</p> <p>What are benefits of switching to gas in electricity generation, heating, or transportation?</p> <p>How to mitigate indoor air pollution and achieve SDGs on poverty, gender equality, and health?</p>	<p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <p>Ms. Tatiana Khanberg, International Gas Union (IGU)</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <p>Mr. Jean-Marc Boucheret, IVECO Mr. Carlos Alberto Trevino Medina, México Mr. Andrzej Guła, Krakow Smog Alert (tbc) Turkey WHO</p>
12:00	<p><b>Item 10: Emerging issues – hydrogen</b></p> <p>How can the existing gas infrastructure be leveraged to accelerate transition to a low-carbon energy system?</p> <p>How to decarbonise the current energy mix using hydrogen as an energy vector?</p> <p>What is required to remove barriers to investment in hydrogen and power-to-gas projects?</p>	<p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <p>Ms. Alena Fargère, Air Liquide</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <p>Ms. Kamila Piotrowska, International Association of Oil &amp; Gas Producers (IOGP) Hydrogen Europe Mr. Torben Brandbo (tbc)</p>
13:00	Lunch	
14:30	After-lunch coffee break	Sponsored by ???
15:00	<b>Item 11: Update on implementation of the work plan for 2018-2019</b>	
15:20	<b>Item 12: Workplan for 2020-2021</b>	Mr. Francisco de la Flor, Chair, Group of Experts on Gas
16:00	<b>Item 13: Update on activities in ECE member States, gas industry and organizations</b>	<i>Tour de table</i>
17:00	<b>Item 14: Preparations for the seventh session of the Group of Experts</b>	Mr. Francisco de la Flor García, Chair, Group of Experts on Gas
17:20	<b>Item 15: Any other business</b>	Mr. Francisco de la Flor García, Chair, Group of Experts on Gas
17:30	<b>Item 16: Adoption of conclusions and recommendations</b>	Mr. Francisco de la Flor García, Chair, Group of Experts on Gas
17:40	<b>Item 17: Adoption of the report</b>	Mr. Francisco de la Flor García, Chair, Group of Experts on Gas
18:00	Close of the session	

## 27 March 2019

10:00	<b>Industry workshop on methane emissions</b> – closed meeting, by invitation only meeting (agenda in a separate document)
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