

INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

Sixth session of the Assembly

Abu Dhabi, 16 – 17 January 2016

Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The sixth session of the Assembly is declared opened. Welcome remarks will be delivered.

2. Organisation of work

a. Election of officials

Pursuant to Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly (RoP), the Assembly shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents, having due regard to equitable geographical representation.

Pursuant to Rule 28 RoP, at the beginning of each meeting of the Assembly, the Assembly shall confirm the designation made at the previous meeting and so elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among its membership.

Pursuant to Rule 31 RoP, the President, at the beginning of each Assembly session, shall propose to a Member of the Assembly to act as Rapporteur.

At its fifth session, the Assembly designated Egypt as President of its sixth session, and Bangladesh, Cuba, Mauritius and Sweden as Vice-Presidents.

The Assembly may wish to confirm the designations made at its fifth session.

The President may wish to appoint the Rapporteur.

b. Adoption of the agenda (A/6/L.1)

Pursuant to Rule 13 RoP, the provisional agenda shall be submitted to the Assembly as soon as possible after the opening of the session.

The Assembly will have before it the provisional agenda (A/6/L.1).

The Assembly may wish to adopt the provisional agenda.

c. Appointment of a Credentials Committee

Pursuant to Rule 25 RoP, a Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session. It shall consist of nine members, which shall be appointed by the Assembly on the proposal of the President. The Committee shall elect its own officers.

The Assembly may wish to appoint the members of the Credentials Committee as proposed by the President.

d. Participation of observers (A/6/L.2)

Pursuant to Rule 23 RoP, signatories, applicants for membership and other entities to whom observer status may be granted by the Assembly under Article VII of the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (Statute), should inform the President, who shall place such request for observer status on the agenda of the Assembly for its consideration.

The Assembly will have before it the list of applicants seeking observer status at the sixth session of the Assembly (A/6/L.2) as circulated following the close of registration.

The Assembly may wish to consider the matter and grant observer status for the sixth session of the Assembly to entities on the list of applicants seeking observer status at the sixth session of the Assembly.

3. Annual report of the Director-General on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2014-2015 (A/6/3)

Pursuant to Article IX paragraph H number 3 of the Statute, the Assembly shall, by consensus of the Members present, adopt the annual report.

The Council at its tenth meeting considered and took note of the 'Annual report of the Director-General on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2014-2015'. The annual report has been updated to reflect developments since the said meeting of the Council.

The Assembly will have before it the 'Annual report of the Director-General on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2014-2015' (A/6/3). The Director-General will report on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2014-2015.

The Assembly may wish to consider and adopt the 'Annual report of the Director-General on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2014-2015'.

4. Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2016-2017 (A/6/L.4; A/6/L.4/Add.1; A/6/DC/L.1)

Pursuant to Article IX paragraph G number 2 of the Statute, the Assembly shall, by consensus of the Members present, adopt at its regular sessions the budget and the work programme of the Agency, submitted by the Council.

The Council at its tenth meeting considered the draft Work Programme and Budget for 2016-2017 (C/10/4) and welcomed the streamlined programme of work. The Secretariat was requested to present to the Assembly a draft work programme and budget together with options reflecting the positions taken by delegations with respect to core budget levels, and implications on the work programme.

The Assembly will have before it the proposed ‘Work Programme and Budget for 2016-2017’ (A/6/L.4), together with the ‘Note on budgetary options for the Biennial Work Programme and Budget 2016-2017’ (A/6/L.4/Add.1), and a related draft decision (A/6/DC/L.1). The Director-General will introduce the matter.

The Assembly may wish to consider the proposed ‘Work Programme and Budget for 2016-2017’ and adopt the related draft decision.

5. Institutional and administrative matters

a. Report of the Credentials Committee (A/6/5)

Pursuant to Rule 25 RoP, the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of all representatives and report without delay to the Assembly.

The Assembly will have before it the ‘Report of the Credentials Committee’ (A/6/5). The Chair of the Credentials Committee will introduce the item.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the ‘Report of the Credentials Committee’.

b. Report of the Council Chair

The Chair of the ninth and tenth meetings of the Council will report on Council matters since the fifth session of the Assembly.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the report of the Chair of the Council.

c. Use of languages in IRENA activities (A/6/6)

Pursuant to decisions A/1/DC/9 and A/3/DC/3 on multilingualism, the Secretariat is requested to present a review of the progress made in the implementation of these decisions to the Assembly, at its sixth session.

Following Council consideration, the Assembly will have before it the ‘Note of the Director-General on the use of languages in IRENA activities’ (A/6/6). The Secretariat will introduce the item and provide additional details on the use of languages in IRENA activities.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the ‘Note of the Director-General on the use of languages in IRENA activities’.

d. Audited Financial Statements for 2014 (A/6/8) and status of implementation of the external audit recommendations (A/6/7)

Pursuant to Financial Regulation 12.2, the Director-General is requested to submit the financial statements of the past financial year to the Assembly for its consideration.

Following Council consideration, the Assembly will have before it the ‘Audited Financial Statements

of the Agency for 2014' together with the related reports of the External Auditor (A/6/8), as well as the 'Report of the Director-General on the Status of Implementation of the External Audit Recommendations' (A/6/7). The Secretariat will introduce the matter.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the 'Audited Financial Statements of the Agency for 2014' and the 'Report of the Director-General on the Status of Implementation of the External Audit Recommendations'.

e. Staff Provident Fund (A/6/9)

Pursuant to the Principles for a Staff Provident Fund of IRENA, approved by Assembly decision A/1/DC/4, the Provident Fund Management Board is requested to provide an annual report on operations of the Provident Fund to the Assembly. The annual report shall include financial statements that clearly show the result of operations and the financial condition of the Provident Fund for the relevant year. The financial statements of the Provident Fund shall be audited by the external auditors of the Agency.

Following Council consideration, the Assembly will have before it the '2014 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board' (A/6/9). The Provident Fund Management Board will introduce the item.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the '2014 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board'.

f. Report of the Ethics Officer (A/6/10)

Pursuant to the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for IRENA, adopted by the Assembly in decision A/2/DC/7, the Ethics Officer is requested to prepare a report on the implementation of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest on an annual basis. The report is provided to the Director-General to comment upon prior to its delivery to the Assembly.

Following Council consideration, the Assembly will have before it the 'Report of the Ethics Officer on the Implementation of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest' (A/6/10). The Ethics Officer will introduce the item.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the 'Report of the Ethics Officer on the Implementation of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest'.

6. Policy discussion: 'Renewable energy deployment: Decreasing costs – increasing benefits' (A/6/DN/1)

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the presentation.

7. Strategic discussion: 'Innovation – the age of renewable energy' (A/6/DN/2)

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the presentation.

8. Review of the Medium-term Strategy (A/6/11)

Pursuant to Assembly decision A/3/DC/14, the Director-General is requested to submit to the Assembly, at its sixth session, a midterm evaluation of the Medium-term Strategy with the view to its further refinement.

Following Council consideration, the Assembly will have before it the ‘Report of the Director-General on the Review of the Medium-term Strategy 2013-2017’ (A/6/11). The Director-General will introduce the item.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the ‘Report of the Director-General on the Review of the Medium-term Strategy 2013-2017’.

9. IRENA/ADFD Project Facility (A/6/12)

The Assembly, at its second session, through decision A/2/DC/10, initiated the funding cycles for projects applying for funding from the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD), which in 2009 committed concessional financing of up to USD 350 million over seven cycles to renewable energy projects recommended by IRENA in developing countries.

In accordance with the General Principles of the IRENA/ADFD Project Facility (A/4/13), Members were invited to express their interest, by 15 November 2015, in becoming a member of the Advisory Committee that will be established to facilitate the fourth funding cycle.

The following seven Members have expressed an interest to serve on the Advisory Committee for the fourth funding cycle: Antigua and Barbuda, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sudan and Zambia. Djibouti, Egypt, France, India, Nigeria and the Republic of Korea have expressed their willingness to serve as alternates.

Following Council consideration, the Assembly will have before it the ‘Report of the Chair of the Advisory Committee on the third project cycle of the IRENA/ADFD Project Facility’ (A/6/12). The Director-General and the Chair of the Advisory Committee of the IRENA/ADFD Project Facility will introduce the matter.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the ‘Report of the Chair of the Advisory Committee on the third project cycle of the IRENA/ADFD Project Facility’ and appoint up to seven members and up to seven alternates to the Advisory Committee for the fourth funding cycle.

10. Report from the Ministerial Roundtables

Oral reports on the outcome of the Ministerial Roundtables will be presented to the Assembly.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the reports from the Ministerial Roundtables.

11. Arrangements for the seventh session of the Assembly

Pursuant to Rule 1 RoP, the Assembly shall meet annually unless it decides otherwise. The session shall be convened on a date set by the Assembly at its previous regular session.

Pursuant to Rule 7 RoP, sessions of the Assembly shall take place at the seat of the Agency unless the Assembly decides otherwise.

Pursuant to Rule 28 RoP, the Assembly shall, at the end of each session, designate a President and four Vice-Presidents that will formally be elected at the beginning of the next session of the Assembly.

The seventh session of the Assembly is proposed to be held on 14 - 15 January 2017 in Abu Dhabi.

The Assembly may wish to decide on the arrangements for its seventh session, including dates and the designation of a President and four Vice-Presidents.

12. Any other business

13. Assembly conclusions and closing of the meeting