

UNCTAD Expert Meeting on Green and Renewable Technologies as Energy Solutions for Rural Development

Geneva, 9-11 February 2010

Programme of Work

Tuesday 9 February	
Morning 10:00 – 13:00	<p><u>OPENING PLENARY</u></p> <p>Item 1: Election of officers</p> <p>Opening statement by Dr Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD</p> <p>Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work</p> <p>Item 3: Green and renewable technologies (GRETs) as energy solutions for rural development</p> <p>Introduction by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anne Miroux, Director of the Division of Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD• Mina Mashayekhi, OIC of the Division of International Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities, UNCTAD <p><u>1ST INFORMAL SESSION</u></p> <p>Energy poverty and rural development</p> <p>This session will present link between energy poverty and rural development and introduce the role GRETs can play in rural development.</p> <p><i>Lead speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jim Watson, Director, Sussex Energy Group, SPRU (Science & Technology Policy Research), University of Sussex, UK• Semereab Habtetsion, Director, Energy Resources Development Division, Ministry of Energy & Mines, Eritrea
Afternoon 15:00 – 18:00	<p><u>2ND INFORMAL SESSION</u></p> <p>Item 3: (continued)</p> <p>RET options for rural development</p> <p>This session will introduce a variety of RET options and discuss some of the barriers to/conditions for deployment and scale-up of these technologies. It will also look at problems associated with technology transfer such as the need for local capabilities.</p> <p><i>Lead speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Estomih Sawe, Director, Tanzania Traditional Energy Development Organisation (TaTEDO)• Bunker Roy, Director, Barefoot College, India• Hari Sharan, DESI Power
Evening	COCKTAIL (Escargot Bar, E. building, 3 rd floor, Lausanne side)

Wednesday 10 February	
Morning 10:00 – 13:00	<p><u>3RD INFORMAL SESSION</u></p> <p>Item 3: (continued) Financing options to enable RET deployment This session will look at some of the challenges to accessing finance for RET deployment and scale-up in rural areas. Options to overcome these challenges will be discussed, such as innovative financing mechanisms to attract private sector participation (i.e. how to attract – subsidise, etc.) and maintain longterm sustainability (i.e. creating self-sustaining markets).</p> <p><i>Lead speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langiwe Chandi, Acting Principal Energy Officer, Renewable Energy & Energy Management, Department of Energy, Ministry of Energy & Water Development, Zambia • Simon Rolland, Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE) • Nicolas Huber, DWS Investments
Afternoon 15:00 – 18:00	<p><u>4TH INFORMAL SESSION</u></p> <p>Item 3: (continued) Policy issues related to RET deployment This session will discuss what national governments can do to create an enabling environment to attract financiers and project developers, such as subsidy programmes, trade policies, regulatory systems and technology development programmes. Also, this session will present ideas of how integrated, participatory planning can help ensure RET deployment and scale-up is demand driven and meets local needs. The role of public-private partnerships and village-level organisations/ cooperatives will be discussed as well as how to promote dialogue between rural actors.</p> <p><i>Lead speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hao Xianrong, Director, Division of Energy & Ecosystem, Department of Science, Technology & Education, Ministry of Agriculture, China • Pradeep Soonarane, Deputy-Director, Technical Services Department, Ministry of Renewable Energy and Public Utilities, Mauritius • Ivan Azurdia, Senior Advisor, Asociación Para El Desarrollo Rijatzul Q'ij, Guatemala • Nogoye Thiam, African Development Bank
Thursday 11 February	
Morning 10:00 – 13:00	<p><u>5TH INFORMAL SESSION</u></p> <p>Item 3: (continued) Recommendations on the way forward This session will discuss suggestions of how various actors at local, national and international levels might take action to achieve the deployment and scale-up of RETs in rural areas in an integrated, sustainable way.</p> <p><i>Lead speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatma Ben Fadhl, UNEP Green economy initiative • Abser Kamal, Managing Director, Grameen Shakti, Bangladesh (via audiolink) • Ulrich Hoffmann, UNCTAD Secretariat
Afternoon 15:00 – 18:00	<p><u>6TH INFORMAL SESSION</u> Introduction of Chairman's summary followed by <u>CLOSING PLENARY</u> Item 4: Adoption of the report of the meeting</p>