

INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

Eighth session of the Assembly
Abu Dhabi, 13-14 January 2018

Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The eighth session of the Assembly commences at 09.30. Italy, as President of the seventh session of the Assembly, will open the meeting.

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 seventh session, the Assembly designated Uruguay as President of its eighth session, and Afghanistan, Nigeria, Norway and Sudan as Vice-Presidents.

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

The President may wish to appoint the Rapporteur.

b. Adoption of the agenda (A/8/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/8/L.1).

The Assembly may wish to consider and adopt the provisional agenda.

c. Appointment of the 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/8/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 eighth session of the Assembly (A/8/L.2) as circulated following the close of registration.

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

3. Host country and other opening remarks

4. Annual report of the Director-General on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2016-2017 (A/8/3)

Pursuant to Article IX.H.3 of the Statute, the Assembly shall, by consensus of the Members present, adopt the annual report. The Council at its fourteenth meeting considered and decided to transmit to the Assembly the 'Annual report of the Director-General on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2016-2017'. The annual report has been updated to reflect developments since the said meeting of the Council.

Following Council consideration, and including updates made since the fourteenth 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 2016-2017' (A/8/3). The Director-General will report on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2016-2017.

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 2016-2017'.

5. IRENA/ADFD Project Facility: Announcement of selected projects in the fifth cycle

Following presentations on the matter, delegates are invited to make brief interventions to provide comments on the matter.

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

6. Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2018-2019 (A/8/L.4; A/8/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 fourteenth meeting considered the 'Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2018-2019' (C/14/L.4) and decided to transmit it to the Assembly, subject to budgetary adjustments to be proposed by the Director-General for Members' consideration of the matter.

The Assembly will have before it the 'Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2018-2019' (A/8/L.4), and a related draft decision (A/8/DC/L.1). The Director-General will introduce the matter.

The Assembly may wish to consider the 'Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2018-2019' and adopt the related draft decision.

Continued: Member interventions on the Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2018-2019 and Annual Report of the Director General on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2016-2017.

7. Report of the Chair of the Council

The Chair of the Council will provide an oral report on Council matters since the seventh session of the Assembly.

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

8. Institutional and administrative matters

a. Report of the Credentials Committee (A/8/5)

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/8/5). The Chair of the Credentials Committee will introduce the matter.

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

b. IRENA/ADFD Project Facility (A/8/6)

Pursuant to paragraph nine of the General Principles of the IRENA/ADFD Project Facility (A/4/13), the Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD), shall review the IRENA/ADFD Project Facility on an ongoing basis, including procedures, criteria and responsibilities, and make recommendations to the Assembly on any improvements, as necessary.

In accordance with the General Principles, Members were invited to express their interest, by 30 September 2017, in becoming a member of the Advisory Committee to facilitate the sixth funding cycle.

By the deadline, the following seven Members have expressed an interest to serve on the Advisory Committee for the sixth funding cycle: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Egypt, Finland, France, New Zealand and the Republic of Korea. Japan, Jordan, Pakistan and Tonga have expressed their willingness to serve as alternates on the Advisory Committee.

Following Council consideration, the Assembly will have before it the ‘Report of the Chair of the Advisory Committee on the fifth project cycle of the IRENA/ADFD Project Facility’ (A/8/6). The matter will be introduced by the Chair of the Advisory Committee.

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

c. Report of the Ethics Officer (A/8/7)

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.

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/8/7). The Ethics Officer will introduce the matter.

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’.

d. Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2016 (A/8/8) and Report of the Director-General on the Status of Implementation of the External Audit Recommendations (A/8/9)

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

Following Council consideration, the Assembly will have before it the ‘Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2016’ together with the related reports of the External Auditor (A/8/8), as well as the ‘Report of the Director-General on the Status of Implementation of the External Audit Recommendations’ (A/8/9). The Secretariat will introduce the matter.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the ‘Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2016’ and the ‘Report of the Director-General on the Status of Implementation of the External Audit Recommendations’.

e. Staff Provident Fund of IRENA (A/8/10)

Pursuant to the Principles for the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA, approved by the Assembly in decision A/1/DC/4, the Staff Provident Fund Management Board shall 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 Staff Provident Fund for the relevant year. The financial statements of the Staff Provident Fund shall be audited by the external auditors of the Agency.

Following Council consideration, the Assembly will have before it the ‘2016 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA’ (A/8/10). The Chair of the Staff Provident Fund Management Board will introduce the matter.

The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the ‘2016 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA’.

**9. Programmatic discussion: Renewable energy policies in a time of transition
(A/8/DN/1)**

Following presentations, delegates are invited to make brief interventions on the matter.

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

10. Programmatic discussion: Working together to accelerate the deployment of geothermal energy (A/8/DN/2)

Following presentations, delegates are invited to make brief interventions on the matter.

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

11. Strategic Plenary Ministerial discussion: Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) (IRENA report *Untapped potential for climate action: Renewable energy in Nationally Determined Contributions*)

Following high-level remarks, Ministers and Heads of Delegations are invited to make interventions on the matter.

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

12. 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.

13. Draft Medium-term Strategy 2018-2022 (A/8/L.11; A/8/DC/L.2)

The Medium-term Strategy (MTS) is a strategic framework that defines IRENA's "vision, strategic directions, objectives and activities" over the course of five years (A/1/DC/8). The Agency's first MTS was adopted at the third Assembly session in January 2013 (A/3/DC/14). Following extensive consultation by Members, the Council during its fourteenth meeting considered the 'Draft Medium-term Strategy 2018-2022', and decided to transmit it to the Assembly for its consideration and adoption.

The Assembly will have before it the 'Draft Medium-term Strategy 2018-2022' (A/8/L.11), and the related draft decision (A/8/DC/L.2). The Director-General will introduce the item.

The Assembly may wish to consider the 'Draft Medium-term Strategy 2018-2022', and adopt the related draft decision.

14. Forthcoming end of the four-year term of the Director-General of IRENA (A/5/5 Add.)

Pursuant to Article III, paragraph a, Addendum RoP (A/5/5 Add.), the President of the Assembly notifies the membership of the forthcoming end of the four-year term of the Director-General by the close of the session of the Assembly marking three years since the appointment of the Agency's Director-General.

The Assembly may wish to take note of the notification of the forthcoming end of four-year term of the Director-General.

15. Arrangements for the ninth 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 ninth session of the Assembly is tentatively proposed to be held on 12-13 January 2019 in Abu Dhabi.

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

16. Any other business

17. Assembly conclusions and closing of the meeting