
Twenty-second meeting of the Council
Abu Dhabi, 26-27 October 2021

Annotated Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The opening of the meeting will take place on 26 October 2021, commencing at 10.00 am Gulf Standard Time (GMT +4) in hybrid mode¹. Japan, as Chair of the twenty-first meeting of the Council, will open the meeting.

2. Organisation of work

a. Election of officials

Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council (RoP), contained in document A/5/5, the Council shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair, having due regard to equitable geographical representation.

Pursuant to Rule 18 of the RoP, the Chair shall propose to a member of the Council to act as Rapporteur at the beginning of each Council meeting.

At the end of its twenty-first meeting, the Council designated Japan as Chair, and Zimbabwe as Vice-Chair, of the twenty-second meeting of the Council.

The Council may wish to confirm the designation made and elect Japan as Chair, and Zimbabwe as Vice-Chair, of the twenty-second meeting of the Council.

The Chair may wish to appoint a Rapporteur.

b. Adoption of the agenda (C/22/L.1)

Pursuant to Rule 9 of the RoP, the Council shall adopt the agenda for a meeting at the beginning of that meeting.

The Council will have before it the provisional agenda (C/22/L.1).

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

¹ Council members (1 Head of Delegation + 1 additional delegate) and Council alternates (1 Head of Delegation) will attend the twenty-second Council meeting in person in Abu Dhabi and all other IRENA Members and other delegates will be invited to participate at the twenty-second Council meeting in a virtual mode.

c. Adoption of the report of the twenty-first meeting of the Council (C/21/SR/L.1)

Pursuant to Rule 49 of the RoP, reports of Council meetings shall not be official until approved by the Council.

The Council will have before it the draft report of the twenty-first meeting of the Council (C/21/SR/L.1).

The Council may wish to consider and approve the draft report of the twenty-first meeting of the Council.

3. Annual Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2020-2021 (C/22/2; C/22/INF/2)

Pursuant to Article X.F.4 of the Statute of IRENA and Assembly decision A/3/DC/12, the Council shall consider and submit to the Assembly annual reports concerning the activities of the Agency.

The Council will have before it the Annual Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2020-2021 (C/22/2). The Director-General will introduce the item. The Chairs of the Programme and Strategy Committee and the Administration and Finance Committee will report on the Committees' consideration of the item.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Medium-term Strategy (MTS) 2018-2022, the Agency is required to undertake a self-assessment of its biennial programmatic work. Information on this self-assessment is provided in the document "Work Programme Self-Assessment (2020-2021)" (C/22/INF/2).

The Council may wish to consider and take note of the Annual Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2020-2021 and transmit it to the Assembly at its twelfth session.

The Council may also wish to take note of the information contained in the Work Programme Self-Assessment (2020-2021).

4. Report of the Director-General – Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2022-2023 (C/22/3)

Pursuant to Article X.F.2 of the Statute of IRENA, the Council shall consider and submit to the Assembly the proposed Work Programme and Budget of the Agency. Pursuant to Assembly decision A/3/DC/12, the Director-General is requested to consult with Members to elicit their views on the IRENA work programming to be taken into consideration in the development of the biennium work programme and budget, within the overall Medium-term Strategic framework.

The Council will have before it the Report of the Director-General – Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2022-2023 (C/22/3). The Director-General will introduce the item. The Chairs of the Programme and Strategy Committee and the Administration and Finance Committee will report on the Committees' consideration of the item.

The Council may wish to consider and take note of the Report of the Director-General – Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2022-2023 and transmit it to the Assembly at its twelfth session.

5. Note by the Director-General on the Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027 (C/22/4)

At its sixth session, the Assembly decided that the discussions on the next Medium-term Strategy (MTS) should be integrated into regular Council meetings to enable a sustained and inclusive framework for engagement. In keeping with the approach of the MTS 2018-2022, the eleventh session of the Assembly agreed with the recommendation of the twentieth Council, on the creation of a Working Team comprising interested Members to guide and support the development of the Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027. The first meeting of the Working Team was convened on 8 September 2021 which was co-facilitated by Denmark and Kenya.

The Council will have before it a Note by the Director-General on the Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027 (C/22/4). The Director-General will introduce the item. The Co-facilitators of the MTS Working Team will report back on its first meeting, and the Chair of the Programme and Strategy Committee will report on the Committee's consideration of the item.

The Council may wish to consider the Note by the Director-General on the Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027 and provide further guidance, as appropriate.

6. Reports on Collaborative Frameworks

The Co-facilitators of the Collaborative Frameworks on 'Enhancing Dialogue on High Shares of Renewables in Energy Systems', 'Geopolitics of Energy Transformation', 'Green Hydrogen', 'Hydropower', 'Just and Inclusive Energy Transition' and 'Ocean Energy/Offshore Renewables' will present their oral reports to the Council.

The Council may wish to take note of the oral reports and provide guidance, as appropriate.

7. Administrative and Institutional matters

a. Report of the Director-General – Staff Tenure Policy (C/22/5; C/21/4)

i. Staff Tenure Policy – General Service staff

The Council may recall that, at its twenty-first meeting, it was agreed that the twenty-second meeting of the Council makes a recommendation to the twelfth Assembly to lift the tenure policy for General Service staff.

The Council will have before it a Draft Decision on Tenure for General Service staff (Annex to C/22/5) with a view to making a recommendation to the twelfth session of the Assembly on the matter. The Director-General will introduce the item. The Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will inform on the Committee's consideration of the item.

The Council may wish to consider the Report of the Director-General – Staff Tenure Policy and submit the Draft Decision on Tenure for General Service staff to the Assembly at its twelfth session for its consideration.

ii. Staff Tenure Policy – Professional staff and above

The twenty-first Council agreed to create an open-ended group to work with the Secretariat, to further discuss the issues raised and implications of the proposal as related to Professional staff and above (see Document C/21/4), with a view to presenting a proposal at the twenty-second Council meeting. The Council also agreed that the open-ended group will be guided by Members and facilitated by Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe will report back on the outcome of the open-ended group meeting on the tenure policy of Professional staff and above. Additional information may be provided in this regard.

The Council may wish to provide further guidance on the tenure policy for Professional staff and above.

b. Report of the Director-General on the Status of Collection of Assessed Contributions and Advances to the Working Capital Fund (C/22/INF/3)

Pursuant to Financial Regulation 6.6, subsequent to the Assembly's adoption of the biennium budget and the determination of the level of the Working Capital Fund and the IRENA scale of assessed contributions, the Director-General informs Members of their commitments in respect of their annual contributions and advances to the Working Capital Fund, and requests that they remit their assessed contributions and advances. The Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will inform on the Committee's consideration of the topic.

The status of the collection of Members' assessed contributions and advances to the Working Capital Fund as of 18 September 2021 will be presented to the Council.

The Council may wish to consider and take note of the Report of the Director-General on the Status of Collection of Assessed Contributions and Advances to the Working Capital Fund.

c. Report of the Director-General on the Status of Implementation of the External Audit Recommendations (C/22/6)

Further to the Secretariat's submission of the audited Financial Statements for 2020 to the Council at its twenty-first meeting (C/21/5), the Secretariat is presenting the status of the implementation of the external audit recommendations to the Council.

The Council will have before it the Report of the Director-General on the Status of Implementation of the External Audit Recommendations (C/22/6). The Secretariat will introduce the item. The Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will report on the Committee's consideration of the item.

The Council may wish to consider and take note of the Report of the Director-General on the Status of Implementation of the External Audit Recommendations and transmit it to the Assembly at its twelfth session.

d. Report of the Director-General – Activities of the Internal Audit Office, and Internal Audit Recommendations and Actions Taken (C/22/7)

Pursuant to Regulation 11.4 (b) of the Financial Regulations for IRENA (A/4/7), the Director-General shall report to the Council at each session on internal audit recommendations and actions taken.

The Council will have before it the Report of the Director-General – Activities of the Internal Audit Office, and Internal Audit Recommendations and Actions Taken (C/22/7). The Director-General will introduce the item and the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will inform on the Committee's consideration of the report.

The Council may wish to consider and take note of the Report of the Director-General – Activities of the Internal Audit Office, and Internal Audit Recommendations and Actions Taken.

e. Report of the Ethics Officer on the Implementation of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest (C/22/8)

In its decision A/2/DC/7, the Assembly requested the Ethics Officer 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.

The Council will have before it the Report of the Ethics Officer on the Implementation of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest (C/22/8). The Ethics Officer will introduce the item.

The Council 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 and transmit it to the Assembly at its twelfth session.

8. Arrangements for the twelfth session of the Assembly (C/22/9; C/22/INF/4)

Pursuant to Article X.F.3 of the Statute of IRENA, the Council shall approve arrangements for the sessions of the Assembly including preparation of the draft agenda.

The Council may recall that the Note by the Chair-Designate, dated 8 September 2021, invited the IRENA Membership to share, at the twenty-second Council meeting, their circumstances and experiences with respect to travel and other regulations as it pertains to the arrangements for the twelfth session of the Assembly. The Council will have before it Document C/22/9, on the arrangements for the twelfth session of the Assembly. The Director-General will introduce the matter.

The Council, at its twenty-first meeting requested the Secretariat, in collaboration with Samoa and the United Arab Emirates, to prepare an information document outlining the process, timelines and necessary administrative steps in case of renewal for a further term of the incumbent IRENA Director-General. Document C/22/INF/4 contains the information requested.

The Council may wish to consider and approve the arrangements and list of topics for discussion at the twelfth session of the Assembly.

The Council will be invited to take note of the information presented in document C/22/INF/4.

9. Arrangements for the twenty-third meeting of the Council

Pursuant to Rule 1 of the RoP, the Council shall convene twice a year unless it decides otherwise. The Council shall determine at each meeting the time and place of its next regular meeting.

With a view to facilitate early planning, the Council may wish to consider proposed dates for both its meetings in 2022. It is proposed to hold the twenty-third meeting of the Council on 24-25 May 2022 and the twenty-fourth meeting of the Council on 18-19 October 2022 in Abu Dhabi, subject to prevailing circumstances with respect to the evolution of health, travel and other restrictions.

The Council may wish to consider and approve the arrangements for the twenty-third meeting of the Council. The Council may also wish to agree on proposed dates for its twenty-fourth meeting, subject to final determination at the twenty-third meeting.

10. Any other business

11. Closing of the meeting