

Fourteenth session of the Assembly  
Abu Dhabi, 15 January 2024

## **Annotated Provisional Agenda**

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

The fourteenth session of the Assembly commences at 15.00 pm Gulf Standard Time (GST) on 15 January 2024. India, as President of the thirteenth 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 of the RoP, at the beginning of each meeting of the Assembly, the Assembly shall confirm the designation made at the previous meeting and elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among its membership.

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

At its thirteenth session, the Assembly designated Rwanda as President, and Angola, Dominican Republic, Georgia, and Iraq as Vice-Presidents of its fourteenth session.

**The Assembly may wish to confirm the designations made at its thirteenth session, and elect Rwanda as President, and Angola, Dominican Republic, Georgia, and Iraq as Vice-Presidents of its fourteenth session.**

#### **b. Adoption of the agenda**

Pursuant to Rule 13 of the 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/14/L.1). The in-person part II of the fourteenth Assembly session will include the following items: the 'Ministerial Roundtables', 'Plenary Sessions', 'Arrangements for the fifteenth session of the Assembly', 'Any other business' and 'Closing of the session'.

**The Assembly may wish to consider and adopt the provisional agenda, including the topics of the Ministerial Roundtables and Plenary Sessions.**

### **c. Appointment and Report of the Credentials Committee**

Pursuant to Rule 25 of the 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.

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

At the request of the President of the Assembly, on an exceptional basis, an initial meeting of the Credentials Committee will conduct an advanced review of the credentials received, prior to the official opening of the fourteenth session of the Assembly, to facilitate the presentation and the adoption of its Report to the Assembly.

In light of the arrangements made for the fourteenth session Part I of the Assembly, Members wishing to serve on the Credentials Committee at the fourteenth session of the Assembly are invited to submit their expressions of interest to the Secretariat at [Secretariat@irena.org](mailto:Secretariat@irena.org) by 5 January 2024.

Following the deadline, the Membership will be informed of the designated members of the Credentials Committee and of the arrangements for its initial meeting, to be convened virtually on Thursday 11 January 2024, prior to the official opening of the fourteenth session of the Assembly, at the request of the President of the Assembly, on an exceptional basis. The timing will be communicated by the Secretariat prior to the initial meeting.

The appointment of Credentials Committee members, as well as the adoption of its report are expected to be officially confirmed at the start of the fourteenth session part I of the Assembly.

The Assembly will have before it the 'Report of the Credentials Committee' (A/14/5). The Chair of the Credentials Committee will introduce the matter.

**The Assembly may wish to confirm the appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee as proposed by the President.**

**The Assembly may also wish to consider and approve the 'Report of the Credentials Committee' as of 15 January 2024.**

### **d. Participation of Observers**

Pursuant to Rule 23 of the 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 fourteenth session, Part I, of the Assembly (A/14/L.2) as circulated following the close of registration.

Participation of Observers for Part I of the fourteenth session of the Assembly will be granted at the opening of the session on 15 January 2024.

Participation of Observers for Part II of the fourteenth session of the Assembly will be granted at the resumption of the session in April 2024.

**The Assembly may wish to consider the matter and grant observer status for the fourteenth session of the Assembly, to entities included on the list of applicants, contained in document A/14/L.2.**

### 3. Host country and other opening remarks

There will be high-level statements including by the President of the Assembly, the Host Country - the United Arab Emirates and the Director-General of IRENA.

**The Assembly may wish to take note of the statements made.**

### 4. Annual Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2022-2023 (A/14/3; A/14/INF/2)

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 twenty-sixth 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 2022-2023’ (C/26/2) and ‘Work Programme Self-Assessment for 2022-2023’ (C/26/INF/2). The annual report has been updated to reflect developments since the meeting of the Council.

The Director-General will report on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2022-2023 as contained in the Annual Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2022-2023 (A/14/3) and the Work Programme Self-Assessment for 2022-2023 (A/14/INF/2).

**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 2022-2023, and take note of the Work Programme Self-Assessment (2022-2023).**

### 5. Report of the Director-General – Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2024-2025 (A/14/4; A/14/DC/L.1)

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 at its twenty-sixth meeting considered the ‘Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2024-2025’ (C/26/3), as well as a proposed indicative scale of contributions for 2024, (C/26/CRP/3), and decided to transmit it to the fourteenth Assembly, on the understanding that the proposed budget for the biennium 2024-2025 maintains the same budget level as the 2022-2023 biennium, without inclusion of the proposed increase.

The Assembly will have before it the Report of the Director-General – Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2024-2025 (A/14/4), and a related draft decision (A/14/DC/L.1). The Director-General will introduce the item.

**The Assembly may wish to consider the ‘Proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2024-2025’ and adopt the related draft decision.**

### 6. Report of the Chair of the Council

The Chair of the Council will provide an oral report on Council matters since the thirteenth session of the Assembly. This report will also include an update on the Council’s deliberations on the Report of the Director-General - Break-in-Service and Consultants (C/26/6) and the status of discussions on this matter.

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

### 7. Administrative and Institutional matters

#### a. Human Resources Management

##### i. Report of the Director-General on Human Resources Management and Trends (A/14/6)

At its twenty-sixth meeting, the Council, considered the Report of the Director-General on Human Resources Management and Trends (C/26/4/Rev.1).

The Council took note of the Report by KPMG: Current State Assessment Report: Findings, Recommendations and Initiatives on Staff Retention & Turnover (C/26/INF/3), and agreed that the Report would serve as a reference document for Human Resources matters as well as for the preparation of an action plan by IRENA’s Human Resources Office that also contains steps that have the potential to generate speedy improvements in Human Resources policy.

The Chair of the Council will introduce the item and inform the Assembly of the outcomes and recommendation of the Council on this matter.

**The Assembly may wish to consider the outcomes and recommendation of the Council on this matter.**

**ii. Report of the Director-General Proposed Amendment to Staff Rule 105.3: Types of Appointment (A/14/7)**

At its twenty-sixth meeting, the Council considered the Report of the Director-General - Proposed amendment to Staff Rule 105.3 Types of Appointment (C/26/5).

The Chair of the Council will introduce the item and inform the Assembly of the outcomes and recommendation of the Council on this matter.

**The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the proposed amendment to Staff Rule 105.3: Types of Appointment.**

**b. Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2022 and Status of the Implementation of External Audit Recommendations (A/14/8; A/14/9)**

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 the Council's consideration and the report by the Council Chair on this matter under agenda item 6, the Assembly will have before it the 'Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2022' (A/14/8) together with the related reports of the External Auditor, as well as the 'Report of the Director-General on the Status of Implementation of the External Audit Recommendations' (A/14/9).

**The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the 'Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2022' and the 'Report of the Director-General on the Status of Implementation of the External Audit Recommendations'.**

**c. Report of the Director-General on the Status of Collection of Assessed Contributions and Advances to the Working Capital Fund (A/14/INF/3)**

Following the Council's consideration and the report by the Council Chair on this matter under agenda item 6, the Assembly will have before it the 'Report of the Director-General on the Status of Collection of Assessed Contributions and Advances to the Working Capital Fund' (A/14/INF/3).

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

**d. 2022 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA (A/14/10)**

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 the Council's consideration and the report by the Council Chair on this matter under agenda item 6, the Assembly will have before it the '2022 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA' (A/14/10).

**The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the '2022 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA'.**

**e. Report of the Ethics Officer on the Implementation of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest (A/14/11)**

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 and the report by the Council Chair on this matter under agenda item 6, 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/14/11).

**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'.**

**8. Arrangements for the fourteenth session Part II of the Assembly**

At its twenty-sixth meeting, the Council considered the arrangements for the fourteenth session of the Assembly, including the proposal to convene it in two parts as well as the list of initial topics proposed for consideration as contained in document C/26/10.

The Assembly will have before it the Arrangements for the fourteenth session Part II of the Assembly. The Director-General will provide additional information and an update on the arrangements for Part II of the fourteenth Assembly, and any modifications to the tentative schedule.

**The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the arrangements for its fourteenth session Part II.**

**Adjournment of Part I of the fourteenth session of the Assembly**

**Resumption of the fourteenth session (Part II) of the Assembly**

Organisational matters for Part II will be considered at the resumption of the fourteenth session of the Assembly.

## 9. High-level Plenary Session (A/14/BN/1)

The conclusion of the first UNFCCC Global Stocktake at COP28 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates brought a landmark global agreement to transition away from fossil fuels in a just, orderly and equitable manner, in keeping with the science. Parties also committed to tripling annual renewable power additions to over 11,000 GW by 2030, in line with the findings of IRENA's World Energy Transitions Outlook.

This High-level Plenary session will set the scene for the Assembly's deliberations as the renewables-based energy transition takes centre stage in these efforts. Building on the outcomes of COP28, it will chart the path for immediate course correction and bold actions to support these ambitious commitments, taking into account the diverse circumstances, needs and opportunities for cooperation amongst the global Membership.

## 10. General Member Statements

During the fourteenth session part II of Assembly, delegations wishing to share their national experiences/statements on priority actions and challenges related to the deployment of renewable energy and exchange views on issues related to the energy transition in the coming decade and beyond will be invited to register in the Speakers List by sending a request noting the name and the title of the speaker to [Assembly@irena.org](mailto:Assembly@irena.org), indicating in the subject line "IRENA 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly session Part II: Speakers List".

The requests will be considered observing the international protocol precedence and the principle of "first come, first served". A preliminary Speakers List based on requests received will be circulated prior to the opening session of the fourteenth session part II of the Assembly.

**The Assembly may wish to take note of experiences shared by Members.**

## 11. Ministerial Roundtable on Accelerating the Development of Bankable Renewable Energy Projects - Leveraging IRENA's Facilitation Platforms for Global Transition (A/14/BN/3)

This Ministerial Roundtable will focus on IRENA's innovative Project Facilitation initiatives, goals and achievements, opening a space to discuss the challenges as well as success stories on increasing investment towards the world's energy transition, while meeting Sustainable Development and Climate Goals. This session will also open a space to bring together IRENA's partners, and analyze the evolution of the tools and platforms put in place, and their impact in reducing barriers and accelerating investment.

To ensure timely planning, delegations are requested to confirm the intervention of their Minister or Head of Delegation at the Ministerial Roundtable by sending in their request to the Secretariat at [Assembly@irena.org](mailto:Assembly@irena.org), indicating in the subject line "IRENA 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly Part II: Ministerial Roundtable - Accelerating the Development of Bankable RE Projects".

**The Assembly may wish to take note of the report of this Ministerial Roundtable, which will be presented at Plenary.**

### **12. Ministerial Roundtable on the Geopolitics of Energy Security (A/14/BN/2)**

This Ministerial meeting will be guided by IRENA's upcoming report in the series on the geopolitics of the energy transition, offering a new perspective on the changing face of energy security. This report will shed light on the profound implications of the shift to renewables on energy security, notably in reshaping geopolitical dynamics, transforming traditional energy trade routes and emerging infrastructures, against the backdrop of climate change. Central to the discussion will be an examination of the evolving patterns of energy trade as the world pivots away from fossil fuels toward renewable energy. Additionally, the dialogue will delve into the emergence and significance of new infrastructures tailored to support renewable energy systems and their connections with the geopolitical landscape, historically dominated by the geopolitics of fossil fuel trade and infrastructure. This discussion aims to offer a deeper understanding of how renewable energy is not only reshaping energy systems but also redefining energy security and the global geopolitical equation.

To ensure timely planning, delegations are requested to confirm the intervention of their Minister or Head of Delegation at the Ministerial Roundtable by sending in their request to the Secretariat at [Assembly@irena.org](mailto:Assembly@irena.org), indicating in the subject line “IRENA 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly Part II: Ministerial Roundtable - Geopolitics of Energy Security”.

**The Assembly may wish to take note of the report of this Ministerial Roundtable, which will be presented at Plenary.**

### **13. Plenary Session on Accelerated Renewable Deployment in Africa (A/14/BN/4)**

The outcome of the African Climate Summit (ACS) – the Nairobi Declaration – paved the way for a bold collective vision, with renewable energy as the keystone for enhancing energy accessibility, security, and sustainable economic growth. The Declaration commits to a transformative leap in Africa's energy landscape, targeting an increase in renewable generation capacity from 56 GW to a minimum of 300 GW by the year 2030. This ambition is not just about addressing energy poverty; it is a strategic move designed to contribute a cleaner, more sustainable energy supply to the world's industrial fabric.

The discussion will consider innovative avenues for implementing this vision, notably the Accelerated Partnership for Renewables in Africa (APRA), designed for transformative and speedy action.

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

### **14. Plenary Session on Infrastructure for the Energy Transition: Utilities for Net Zero Alliance (A/14/BN/5)**

Central to the energy transition are advancements in power grids, requiring modernization for efficient integration and diffusion of renewable energy, and the establishment of robust hydrogen



infrastructure, including pipelines, ports, and storage facilities, essential for the use and transport of green hydrogen.

This Plenary session on “Infrastructure for the Energy Transition: Utilities for Net Zero Alliance (UNEZA)” will serve as a platform for discussing the acceleration of a net-zero future, in light of the recent formation of the Utilities for Net Zero Alliance at COP28.

The session will facilitate discussions among industry leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders, focusing on the development and optimization of essential infrastructure for the energy transition.

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

#### **15. Plenary Session on Policies and Skills for an Accelerated Energy Transition (A/14/BN/6)**

This Plenary session will explore and identify priority actions that are needed to achieve the COP28 target of tripling renewable power capacity by 2030, with a focus on two key enablers - policies and skills. It will examine deployment and enabling policies that can support the delivery of the required scale-up, as well as measures to address potential skills shortages. This will include the upskilling and reskilling of current workers as well as preparing the fast-growing youth demographic to join the renewable energy workforce.

This session will allow Members to share experiences and success stories in this context, and provide space for key stakeholders, from industry, labour, and educational entities, among others, to present insights.

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

#### **16. Reports from High-level and other Stakeholder meetings**

The Assembly will hear reports from the High-level and other stakeholder meetings held prior to the resumption of the fourteenth session Part II of the Assembly.

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

#### **17. Arrangements for the fifteenth session of the Assembly**

Pursuant to Rule 1 of the 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 of the RoP, sessions of the Assembly shall take place at the seat of the Agency unless the Assembly decides otherwise.

Pursuant to Rule 28 of the 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 fifteenth session of the Assembly is tentatively proposed to be held on 12 and 13 January 2025 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, with related meetings held on 11 January 2025.

To facilitate advance planning for the fifteenth session of the Assembly in 2025, the President of the thirteenth Assembly invited expressions of interest for the positions of the President (Europe and Others group) and four Vice-Presidents of the fifteenth session of the Assembly to be submitted to the Secretariat.

Following updates on the expression of interest received, the Assembly may wish to consider the arrangements for the designation of the President and four Vice-Presidents at its fifteenth session.

**The Assembly may wish to consider and take note of the tentative dates and the designation of the President and four Vice-Presidents of its the fifteenth session.**

18. **Any other business**

19. **Closing of the session**