

Twenty-fourth meeting of the Council
Abu Dhabi, 27-28 October 2022

Annotated Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The opening of the meeting will take place on October 27, 2022, commencing at 10.00 am (GMT+4, Gulf Standard Time). Uruguay, as Chair of the twenty-third 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-third meeting, the Council designated Uruguay as Chair, and Norway as Vice-Chair, of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Council.

The Council may wish to confirm the designation made and elect Uruguay as Chair, and Norway as Vice-Chair, of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Council.

The Chair may wish to appoint a Rapporteur.

b. Adoption of the agenda (C/24/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/24/L.1).

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

c. Adoption of the report of the twenty-third meeting of the Council (C/23/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-third meeting of the Council (C/23/SR/L.1).

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

3. Annual Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2022-2023 (C/24/2)

Pursuant to Article X.F.4 of the IRENA Statute 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 2022-2023 (C/24/2). 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.

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 2022-2023 and transmit it to the Assembly at its thirteenth session.

4. Reports on Collaborative Frameworks

Co-facilitators of the Collaborative Frameworks will be invited to present oral reports on the status of work to the Council.

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

5. Member Experiences on the Energy Transition

Members will be invited to share their experiences 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. Delegations will be given an allotted time of 3 minutes to share their experiences.

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

6. Draft Medium-Term Strategy 2023-2027 - Report of the Director-General (C/24/3)

The Medium-term Strategy (MTS) is the strategic framework that will define 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). 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 Working Team is co-facilitated by Denmark and Kenya and its fourth meeting was convened on 14 September 2022.

The Council will have before it the Draft Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027 (C/24/3). The Director-General will introduce the item. The Co-facilitators of the MTS Working Team will report back on their work, 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 and take note of the Draft Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027 and transmit it to the Assembly for its consideration at the thirteenth session.

7. Programmatic discussion on Accelerating Hydrogen – Opportunities for International Cooperation (C/24/BN/1)

The Secretariat will introduce the programmatic discussion on Accelerating Hydrogen – Opportunities for International Cooperation. Following the introductory remarks and presentation(s), delegations will be invited to make interventions on the matter.

The Council may wish to consider and take note of the presentation(s) and discussion.

8. Programmatic discussion on Integrating Renewable Energy into Agri-food and Health Value Chains (C/24/BN/2)

The Secretariat will introduce the programmatic discussion on Integrating Renewable Energy into Agri-food and Health Value Chains. Following the introductory remarks and presentation(s), delegations will be invited to make interventions on the matter.

The Council may wish to consider and take note of the presentation(s) and discussion.

9. Programmatic discussion on Enabling Frameworks for the Energy Transition in Higher-Risk Environments (C/24/BN/3)

The Secretariat will introduce the programmatic discussion on Enabling Frameworks for the Energy Transition in Higher-Risk Environments. Following the introductory remarks and presentation(s), delegations will be invited to make interventions on the matter.

The Council may wish to consider and take note of the presentation(s) and discussion.

10. Administrative and Institutional matters

a. Staff Tenure Policy

At the twenty-third meeting of the Council, Zimbabwe reported on the outcome of the second meeting of the Open-ended Group on the Tenure Policy for Professional staff and above held on 12 May 2022, in its capacity as the Facilitator of the group.

The Council took note of the report by the Facilitator and agreed to continue its discussions on this matter at its twenty-fourth meeting with a view to presenting its recommendation to the next Assembly.

The Council also recommended that the Open-ended Group, facilitated by Zimbabwe, continues its discussions on staff tenure policy for Professional staff and above, in preparation for further consideration of this matter at its twenty-fourth meeting.

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 item. Zimbabwe will report on the discussions of the open-ended group meeting on the tenure policy of Professional staff and above.

The Council may wish to consider this matter and provide guidance, as appropriate.

b. Report of the Ethics Officer on the Implementation of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest (C/24/4)

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/24/4). 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 for its consideration at the thirteenth session.

c. Report of the Director-General - Activities of the Internal Audit Office, and Internal Audit Recommendations and Actions Taken (C/24/5)

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/24/5).

Based on the report of Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee (AFC), on the Committee's consideration of this matter, the Council will be invited 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.

d. Report of the Director-General on the Status of Implementation of the External Audit Recommendations (C/24/6)

Further to the Secretariat's submission of the audited Financial Statements for 2021 to the Council at its twenty-third meeting (C/23/4), 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/24/6).

Based on the report of Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee (AFC), on the Committee's consideration of this matter, the Council will be invited 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 thirteenth session.

e. Report of the Director-General - Indicative IRENA Scale of Contributions for 2023 (C/24/7)

Pursuant to Article XII.A.1 of the Statute of IRENA, mandatory contributions from Members are based on the scale of assessments of the United Nations, as determined by the Assembly and adjusted to reflect the Agency's membership.

The Council will have before it the Report of the Director-General on the Indicative IRENA Scale of Contributions for 2023 (C/24/7).

Based on the report of Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee (AFC), on the Committee's consideration of this matter, the Council will be invited to consider and take note of the Report of the Director-General on the Indicative IRENA Scale of Contributions for 2023 and transmit it to the Assembly, noting that further adjustments may be necessary if additional Members join IRENA by the thirteenth session of the Assembly.

f. Report of the Director-General - Status of Collection of Assessed Contributions and Advances to the Working Capital Fund (C/24/INF/2)

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 status of collection of Members' assessed contributions and advances to the Working Capital Fund as of 14 September 2022 will be presented to the Council.

Based on the report of Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee (AFC), on the Committee's consideration of this matter, the Council will be invited 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.

g. Staff Provident Fund - Appointment of Management Board members

Pursuant to Article 6.1 of the Charter of the Staff Provident Fund (A/5/7), all Staff Provident Fund Management Board representatives have a mandate for a period of two years with an option for renewal. Members are requested to appoint two Members' representatives to the Management Board of the Staff Provident Fund.

The Council may wish to take note of expressions of interest received for membership in the Staff Provident Fund Management Board and submit them to the Assembly for its consideration at the thirteenth session.

h. Report of the Director-General - Secondment of Personnel and related matters (C/24/8)

The Assembly at its second session, through decision A/2/DC/5 on secondment of staff to the International Renewable Energy Agency, requested the Director-General to report to the Assembly at its third session, and thereafter on a biennial basis, on the implementation of its decision.

The Council will have before it the Report of the Director-General on Secondment of Personnel and related matters (C/24/8).

Based on the report of Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee (AFC), on the Committee's consideration of this matter, the Council will be invited to consider and take note of the Report of the Director-General on Secondment of Personnel and related matters and submit it to the Assembly for its consideration at the thirteenth session.

i. Update by regional facilitators on nominations for 2023-2024 Council membership

Pursuant to Article X.A of the IRENA Statute, the Council shall be elected for a term of two years. The procedure governing the elections to the IRENA Council is set out in Rules 69 and 70 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly (A/5/5). Members will be requested to decide on the composition of the Council for 2023-2024 at the thirteenth session of the Assembly.

On 9 February 2022, Members were invited to express their interest in Council membership for the period 2021-2022 by the deadline of 4 March 2022. Members were invited to hold consultations on the basis of the expressions of interest received thereafter.

The Council will hear oral reports from the regional facilitators on the current status of consultations on the slate of nominated candidates for the 2023-2024 IRENA Council in their respective group.

The Council may wish to take note of the oral reports.

11. Arrangements for the thirteenth session of the Assembly (C/24/9)

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 will have before it a list of topics proposed for consideration at the thirteenth session of the Assembly (C/24/9).

The Director-General will introduce the item. The Council may wish to consider and approve the list of topics to be included in the provisional agenda of the Assembly at its thirteenth session.

12. Arrangements for the twenty-fifth 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 2023. It is proposed to hold the twenty-fifth meeting of the Council on 23 and 24 May 2023 and the twenty-sixth meeting of the Council on 19-20 October 2023 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-fifth meeting of the Council. The Council may also wish to agree on proposed dates for its twenty-sixth meeting, subject to final determination at the twenty-fifth meeting.

13. Any other business

14. Closing of the meeting