

REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF EWG EXPERT GROUPS

Background

At Ixtapa in March 1998 (EWG15) Members agreed to review the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Expert Groups every two years. In accordance with this decision, the first review of the ToR of the Expert Groups was at EWG19 where Members also agreed that they should again be reviewed by the Expert Groups and presented to the EWG for approval in two years time, that is, at EWG23.

The work program of the EWG has continued to expand and evolve in response to the instructions of APEC Energy Ministers and Leaders. In addition, at EWG21 members endorsed the Future Directions Strategic Plan which sets the strategic direction and focus of the EWG over the next 5 years. It is important therefore to ensure that the ToR of the Expert Groups adequately reflect the priorities of the EWG.

The ToR for the following Expert Groups and the Expert Sub-Group on Environmental Cooperation were last revised and endorsed by members at EWG19:

- Expert Group on Minerals & Energy Exploration & Development (GEMEED);
- Expert Group on Energy Efficiency & Conservation (EGEEC);
- Expert Group on Energy Data & Analysis (EGEDA); and
- GEMEED's Expert Sub-Group on Environmental Cooperation.

At EWG19, the Expert Group on New & Renewable Energy Technologies (EGNRET) and the Expert Group on Clean Fossil Energy (EGCFE) were requested to make specific changes referred to by Members and present their revised ToR to EWG20.

The ToR for the EGNRET and the EGCFE were subsequently endorsed by Members at EWG20 and EWG21 respectively.

Expert Groups' Revised Terms of Reference

The revised ToR for 3 of the 5 Expert Groups and GEMEED's Sub-Group on Environmental Cooperation plus a description of the changes that have been made to the ToR since they were last endorsed are attached:

- GEMEED - (Attachment A);
- GEMEED Explanatory Note - (Attachment A/Annex 1);
- EGEDA - (Attachment B);
- EGEDA Explanatory Note - (Attachment B/Annex 1);
- EGCFE - (Attachment C);
- EGCFE Explanatory Note - (Attachment C/Annex 1);
- GEMEED's Sub-Group on Environmental Cooperation - (Attachment D);

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- (Attachment D/Annex 1);

The Expert Groups on Energy Efficiency & Conservation and the New & Renewable Energy Technologies ToR, plus the description of changes that have been made to their ToR since they were last endorsed will be tabled at EWG23.

Timing of Next Review

The Expert Groups to review and present their ToR for EWG approval in two years time, that is, at EWG27.

Action Proposed for the Twenty-Third Meeting

- Members to endorse the revised Terms of Reference of the Expert Groups.