
INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

Eighth meeting of the Council

Abu Dhabi, 3 – 4 November 2014

**Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Council
regarding subsidiary organs of the Council****Report of the Director- General**

1. The Assembly, in its decision A/2/DC/4 on Rules of Procedure for subsidiary organs, decided to ‘review the Rules of Procedure of the Council prior to the fifth session of the Assembly with a view to considering any amendments, if required, at the fifth session of the Assembly’.
2. At its seventh meeting, the Council took note of the ‘Note of the Council Chair on subsidiary organs of the Council’, contained in document C/7/CRP/1, and endorsed the recommendations set out in section IV, paragraphs 11 to 15, of that document. Amongst the recommendations were the following:
 - a. To limit participation in committee meetings to Members of the Agency, starting at the ninth meeting of the Council;
 - b. To appoint committee members and elect committee Chairs, and if appropriate the Vice-Chairs, at each first Council meeting following the Assembly’s election of a new Council;
 - c. To draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Council, contained in document A/3/6, reflecting the above recommendations, for consideration at the eighth meeting of the Council and onward transmission to the Assembly.
3. In accordance with the above, the Secretariat has prepared draft amendments to Rules 23 to 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, which are contained in the Annex to the present report. The Secretariat hereby submits these amendments for the consideration of the Council and onward transmission to the Assembly.
4. The Council may wish to (a) recommend to the Assembly that it approve the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Council with effect as from the ninth meeting of the Council; and (b) request the Secretariat to submit to the fifth session of the Assembly a consolidated text of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, including all proposed amendments, for the consideration of the Assembly with a view to their approval in accordance with the procedure set forth in Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.

Draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Council relating to subsidiary organs of the Council

Rule 23 Establishment of subsidiary organs

The Council may, in accordance with Article X paragraph F 9 and subject to Article VIII paragraph B of the Statute, set up such committees or other subsidiary organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. In establishing such organs, the Council shall also agree on their terms of reference, membership, number of members, tenure and deliverables. When determining the membership, the Council shall take into account fair and equitable geographic distribution and ensure effective participation of developing and developed countries. Subsidiary organs should be periodically reviewed by the Council to determine whether they should be continued or their terms of reference modified. ~~Membership in subsidiary organs created by the Council may include other Members of the Assembly and Signatories of the Statute.~~

Rule 24 Participation

Membership and participation in subsidiary organs created by the Council is limited to Members of the Agency. ~~Membership of subsidiary organs will be approved by the Council based on applications.~~ Committees shall not exceed ten members. Each Member ~~or Signatory~~ may participate as a member in a maximum of two committees. **Based on applications, Committee members shall be appointed at each first Council meeting following the Assembly's election of a new Council, Committee membership shall be for a term to last from the meeting of appointment and will continue until the appointment of new Committee members.**

~~Any Member or Signatory of the Statute may participate as an observer in any committee until the fifth meeting of the Assembly.~~ **Committees are encouraged to conduct their formal business in an open and participatory manner, by providing all Members of the Agency the opportunity to participate equally in all committee activities.**

Rule 25 Officials

Subsidiary organs may have one Chair and one Vice-Chair, each of which shall be elected by the Council **following the appointment of Committee members.** Each subsidiary organ of the Council may elect officials other than the Chair and Vice-Chair. These officials shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation, experience, personal competence and gender balance.

~~Chairs of subsidiary bodies shall serve for a two-year term one year terms, renewable one time.~~ The Council may replace Chairs and Vice-Chairs of subsidiary organs when necessary as, for example, when a Chair is no longer available or is not adequately fulfilling the role. Because Chairs of subsidiary organs must chair the organ without prejudice, they may bring an additional representative to participate as a member of the organ. Where considered necessary by the Chair, the Vice-Chair may be permitted to bring an additional representative of the constituency to participate as a member of the committee.