

Additional meeting of the Council of IRENA
14 January 2018, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

**REPORT OF THE ADDITIONAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY**

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Report of the additional meeting of the Council of the International Renewable Energy Agency

1. The additional meeting of the Council of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) was held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 14 January 2018. The meeting was attended by the following Council members: Argentina, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Ghana, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, United Arab Emirates and United States of America; as well as nine alternates: Bangladesh, Dominican Republic, Germany, Panama, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sudan, Turkey and Uruguay. Also in attendance were delegations of 29 other IRENA Members.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting

2. The Chair of the fourteenth meeting of the Council of IRENA, China, opened the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Organisation of work

a. Election of officials

3. **The Council elected by acclamation Argentina, represented by Mr. Sebastián Kind, Undersecretary for Renewable Energy, Ministry of Energy and Mining, as Chair; and Samoa, represented by H.E. Ms. Faalavaau Perina Sila-Tualualei, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to IRENA, as Vice-Chair of the additional meeting of the Council.**

4. The Chair appointed Malaysia as Rapporteur of the additional meeting of the Council.

b. Adoption of the agenda (C/AD/1)

5. The Chair introduced the 'Provisional Agenda' (C/AD/L.1).

6. **The Council considered and adopted the Agenda for its additional meeting (C/AD/1).**

Agenda Item 3: Forthcoming end of the four-year term of the Director-General (A/5/5 Addendum)

7. The Chair introduced the item by referring Members to agenda item 14 of the eighth session of the IRENA Assembly, under which the Assembly President notified the membership of the forthcoming end of the four-year term of the IRENA Director-General. He noted that, in line with the provisions of the document on the 'Selection and appointment of the Director-General of IRENA', which governs the related process and is set out in the addendum to document A/5/5, the Council is requested to establish a Director-General Selection Committee to assist the Council in its task of making a recommendation for the appointment of a new Director-General to the Assembly.

8. The Chair explained that, to provide effective assistance to the Council, the Committee will prepare a vacancy announcement, announce the position, review applications, interview selected candidates and present a shortlist to the Council for its consideration. The Committee will be composed of eight Council members and four alternates, two and one, respectively, from each regional group. To this end, the four regional groups of IRENA are expected to consult internally with a view to identifying two members and one alternate each to represent the respective group and serve on the Committee.

9. Speaking on behalf of the members of the Council representing the Africa regional group, Ghana informed the Council that the group has decided to nominate Egypt and Ghana as members of the Director-General Selection Committee and that the group will also communicate its alternate member soon. The United Arab Emirates, noting that the Asia and the Pacific regional group has yet to deliberate and take a decision regarding its candidates, informed Members of its interest to become a member of the Committee and to serve as its Chair. Samoa and Japan also expressed their interest in being nominated to the Committee on behalf of the Asia and the Pacific regional group. Sweden, on behalf of the Europe and Others regional group, informed delegations that the group's candidates for Committee membership are Italy and the United States of America, with the Russian Federation as alternate. Argentina expressed its confidence that members of the Latin America and the Caribbean regional group would not need long to decide on the group's two members and one alternate.

10. In the ensuing deliberations, many Council members thanked the IRENA Director-General, Mr. Adnan Z. Amin, for his work during his tenure. Several delegations stressed the crucial role that the leadership of an organisation plays and highlighted the identification of an outstanding candidate as a very important responsibility of the membership for this year. One delegation underscored that the change in leadership needed to be seamless and several delegations highlighted the importance of clear selection criteria.

11. Delegations stressed the importance for the regional groups to identify their respective members and alternates as soon as possible and to set a deadline for the establishment of the Committee. Several delegations supported the United Arab Emirates' candidacy for Committee Chair. Responding to a related question, the Secretariat noted that it stands ready to support the Committee throughout the process, starting from its appointment, and clarified that no additional meeting of the Council to take a final decision on the Committee's composition would be necessary as this could be done electronically, should the Council so decide. Responding to another query regarding the procedure to be followed in the case of multiple nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair, the Secretariat explained that the eight Committee members would need to consult and decide who to appoint as Chair and Vice-Chair.

12. The Chair thanked delegations for their deliberations. He urged the respective regional groups that have not yet done so to submit electronically their list of candidates for committee membership and alternates, together with any proposals for Chair and Vice-Chair, as soon as possible but not later than 15 February 2018 to the Council Chair and Vice-Chair, copying the IRENA Secretariat which will support this process. As soon as possible after the submission of all candidacies, the Chair will electronically circulate the candidates' list to the Council for its consideration, copying all Members of the Agency. If no comments are received from Council members within seven days of circulation, the Committee would be considered appointed. The Committee would then appoint its Chair and Vice-Chair and start its important work.

13. The Council decided to establish a Director-General Selection Committee as per the process outlined by the Council Chair.

Agenda Item 4: Any other business

14. The Chair proposed that the draft report of the Council be made available to Council members immediately following approval by the Rapporteur and the Chair, and that the draft report be considered approved as circulated if no comments are received from Council members within two weeks.

15. The Council took note and adopted the Chair's proposal.

Agenda Item 5: Closing of the meeting

16. The Chair thanked delegations for their collaboration during the meeting and closed the meeting.



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