

Twenty-fifth meeting of the Council  
Abu Dhabi, 23-24 May 2023

## **Annotated Provisional Agenda**

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

The opening of the meeting will take place on 23 May 2023, commencing at 10.00 am (Gulf Standard Time). Uruguay, as the outgoing Chair, 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.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the twenty-fourth Council are consulting with the 21 members of the Council for 2023 on the designations for Chair (Europe and Others) and Vice-Chair (Latin America and the Caribbean) of the twenty-fifth Council. The designations will be communicated to the Membership in due course.

**The Council may wish to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of the twenty-fifth meeting of the Council.**

**The Chair may wish to appoint a Rapporteur.**

#### **b. Adoption of the agenda (C/25/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/25/L.1).

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

### **3. Seminar on World Energy Transitions Outlook (WETO) 2023 and IRENA Geopolitics of the Energy Transformation: Critical Materials (C/25/BN/4)**

The seminar will share key findings of the World Energy Transitions Outlook (WETO) 2023 preview and the forthcoming IRENA Geopolitics of the Energy Transformation: Critical Materials report. Following introductory remarks and presentations on these two reports, delegations will be invited to make interventions on the matter.

**The Council may wish to take note of the insights and views provided.**

**4. Progress Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2022-2023 (C/25/2)**

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 Progress Report of the Director-General on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2022-2023 (C/25/2). The Director-General will introduce the item. 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 Progress Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2022-2023.**

**5. 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.**

**6. Preliminary Framework for the Work Programme and Budget for 2024-2025 (C/25/3)**

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 and to take them into consideration in the development of the biennial Work Programme and Budget, within the overall Medium-term Strategy.

The Council will have before it the Preliminary Framework for the Work Programme and Budget for 2024-2025 (C/25/3). The Director-General will introduce the item. The Chair of the Programme and Strategy Committee will report on the Committee's consideration of the Preliminary Framework. Based on guidance received, this Framework will be elaborated into a draft Work Programme and Budget for 2024-2025 for consideration by the Council at its 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**The Council may wish to consider the Preliminary Framework and provide guidance for further development of the Work Programme and Budget for 2024-2025.**

**7. General Member Statements - National 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.**

**8. Programmatic discussion on Global Status of Geothermal Market and Technology  
(C/25/BN/1)**

The Secretariat will introduce the programmatic discussion on Global Status of Geothermal Market and Technology. Following the introductory remarks and presentations, delegations will be invited to make interventions on the matter.

**The Council may wish to consider and take note of the presentations and discussion.**

**9. Programmatic discussion on Global Landscape of Renewable Energy Finance  
(C/25/BN/2)**

The Secretariat will introduce the programmatic discussion on Global Landscape of Renewable Energy Finance. Following the introductory remarks and presentations, delegations will be invited to make interventions on the matter.

**The Council may wish to consider and take note of the presentations and discussion.**

**10. Programmatic discussion on Accelerating Finance for Energy Transition  
(C/25/BN/3)**

The Secretariat will introduce the programmatic discussion on Accelerating Finance for Energy Transition. Following the introductory remarks and presentations, delegations will be invited to make interventions on the matter.

**The Council may wish to consider and take note of the presentations and discussion.**

**11. Administrative and Institutional matters**

**a. Human Resources**

**i. Report of the Director-General on Human Resources Management and Trends (C/25/4)**

At its twenty-fourth meeting, the Council requested the Secretariat to provide Human Resources trends, relating to staff turnover rate, staff retention measures and years of service, as well as other key indicators on human resources trends, as standard annual reporting to the Council.

The Council will have before it the Report of the Director-General on Human Resources Management and Trends (C/25/4). The Director-General will introduce the sub-item and the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will inform on the Committee's consideration of the issue.

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

**ii. Update on the initiatives to join the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) and the Inter-Organisation Agreement (IOA) (C/25/INF/2)**

At the twenty-fourth meeting of the Council, the Secretariat was requested to provide further information and analysis at its twenty-fifth meeting, on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) and the United Nations Inter-Organization Agreement (IOA) initiatives.

The Council will have before it the Information Note (C/25/INF/2) containing an analysis and other relevant information on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) and the Inter-Organisation Agreement (IOA) initiatives. The Director-General will introduce the sub-item and the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will inform on the Committee's consideration of the issue.

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

**iii. Report of the Director-General - Proposed amendment to Staff Rule 105.3 Types of Appointment (C/25/5)**

Pursuant to Decision A/12/DC/2 on Length of Service for Staff in the General Service Category and given the need to review additional staff rules that are impacted as a result, the Council will be invited to consider the proposed amendment to Rule 105.3 on the appointment of General Service staff to Professional level posts.

The Council will have before it the Report of the Director-General - Proposed amendment to Staff Rule 105.3 Types of Appointment (C/25/5) containing the proposed amendment and a rationale for this change. The Director-General will introduce the sub-item and the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will inform on the Committee's consideration of the issue.

**The Council may wish to consider the matter and provide guidance as appropriate on the preparation of a decision for consideration by the Assembly at its fourteenth session.**

**b. Arbitration**

**i. Report of the Director General on Proposed Membership of the Arbitration Panel (C/25/6)**

Pursuant to Rule 7 of the IRENA Provisional Arbitration Rules (adopted by A/3/DC/7 and amended by A/5/DC/6), the Council shall approve a list of at least five members of the Arbitration Panel, amongst a list of at least six qualified candidates communicated by the Director-General after obtaining the views of the Staff representative body. The current term of the members of the Arbitration Panel will expire in August 2023.

The Council will have before it the Report of the Director-General on Proposed Membership of the Arbitration Panel (C/25/6). The Secretariat will introduce the sub-item. The Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will inform on the Committee's consideration of the Report.

**The Council is invited to consider the proposed candidates and to approve at least five members to serve for a two-year term on the Arbitration Panel.**

**ii. Report of the Director-General on the Operation of the Arbitration System for IRENA (C/25/7)**

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Decision on the Administration of Justice at IRENA (A/5/DC/6), the Assembly requested the Director-General, after consultation with the Staff representative body, to submit to the Assembly at its seventh session, a report on the operation of the arbitration system for IRENA, and recommendations to address issues or concerns that may have been found in the process, including any recommendation or comment by an arbitrator on the need for amendment of the Rules.

At its seventh session, the Assembly considered the Report of the Director-General on the operation of the arbitration system for IRENA (A/7/13) and requested the Director-General, after consultation with the Staff representative body, to submit a report on the matter to the Assembly, at its ninth session.

Since the last consideration of this issue by the Assembly no arbitration has been requested. Therefore, the system of administration of justice has not been tested and no issues or concerns that would need to be addressed, have been identified.

The Council will have before it the Report of the Director-General on the operation of the arbitration system for IRENA (C/25/7). The Director-General will introduce the sub-item and the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will inform on the Committee's consideration of the Report.

**The Council may wish to consider and take note of the Report and transmit it to the Assembly for consideration at its fourteenth session.**

**c. Report of the Director-General - Activities of the Internal Audit Office, and Internal Audit Recommendations and Actions Taken (C/25/8)**

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/25/8). 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 report.

**The Council may wish 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. Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2022 (C/25/9)**

The Council will have before it the Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2022 (C/25/9). The Secretariat will introduce the item and will also present the status of the implementation of the external audit recommendations to the Council. The Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will inform on the Committee's consideration of the item.

**The Council may wish to consider and take note of the Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2022 and transmit them to the Assembly for consideration at its fourteenth session.**

**e. 2022 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA (C/25/10)**

Pursuant to the Principles for the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA (Annex to A/1/DC/4), the Management Board shall provide an annual report on operations of the Staff Provident Fund to the Assembly within 180 days of the end of the fiscal year. 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.

The Council will have before it the 2022 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA (C/25/10). The Chair of the Provident Fund Management Board will introduce the item. The Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will inform on the Committee's consideration of the report.

**The Council 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 and submit it to the Assembly for consideration at its fourteenth session.**

**f. Ethics Advisory Board - Appointment of Ethics Advisory Board members**

Pursuant to paragraph 2.6 of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest (A/2/13), the Ethics Advisory Board is defined as the standing board, composed of three members of the Council appointed for two-year term, established to assist with the implementation of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest.

The term of the current members of the Ethics Advisory Board will come to an end at the twenty-fifth meeting of the Council. Two of the current members of the Ethics Advisory Board have expressed their interest to continue in their role. The full slate of nominations to the Ethics Advisory Board will be presented to the Council for appointment.

**The Council Chair will introduce the matter of the appointment of the Ethics Advisory Board. The Council may wish to appoint three members to the Ethics Advisory Board for a two-year term.**

**g. Committee membership and Chairmanship (AFC and PSC)**

Pursuant to Rule 24 of the RoP of the Council, membership and participation in subsidiary organs created by the Council is limited to Members of the Agency. Committees shall not exceed ten members. Based on applications, Committee members shall be appointed at each first Council meeting following the Assembly's election of a new Council and will continue until the appointment of new Committee members.

Pursuant to Rule 25 of the RoP, 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.

The term of the current Committees' members will come to an end at the twenty-fifth meeting of the Council. On 3 March 2023, the Secretariat invited IRENA Members to indicate their willingness to bear the responsibilities of membership in the Administration and Finance Committee (AFC) and the Programme and Strategy Committee (PSC) by 17 March 2023. The Council Chair will introduce the item.

**The Council may wish to appoint the members of the Administration and Finance Committee and the Programme and Strategy Committee and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for each Committee.**

## **12. Arrangements for the twenty-sixth 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. It is proposed to hold the twenty-sixth meeting of the Council on 19-20 October 2023 in Abu Dhabi, with the meetings of the two Committees (AFC and PSC) to be held in-person on 18 October 2023.

With a view to facilitating early planning, the Council will be invited to consider proposed dates for its meetings in 2024, at the twenty-sixth meeting.

**The Council may wish to consider and approve the arrangements for the twenty-sixth meeting of the Council.**

## **13. Any other business**

### **i. Further considerations on the proposal for the establishment of Regional Offices of IRENA**

At its twenty-fourth meeting, the Council considered a proposal by Singapore to establish an IRENA regional office. The Council agreed to establish an Open-ended Group to further discuss the viability of establishing regional offices of IRENA as well as related processes, procedures and policies.

Based on expressions of interest received, Egypt was designated as Facilitator of the Open-Ended Group, which held its meeting, in virtual format, on 27 February 2023. Based on the report of the Open-Ended Group ([link](#)), Egypt will present an oral report to the Council on the outcome of this meeting.

The Secretariat has prepared an information document to provide the Council with initial observations on some open questions raised in relation to ongoing discussions on the potential establishment of regional offices of IRENA (C/25/INF/3).

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

### **ii. Other matters raised by Members**

Members will be invited to raise any other issues.

## **14. Closing of the meeting**