

Twenty-seventh meeting of the Council
Abu Dhabi, 13-14 June 2024

Annotated Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The opening of the meeting will take place on 13 June 2024, commencing at 10.00 am (GMT+4, Gulf Standard Time). The United States of America, as Chair of the twenty-sixth 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-sixth meeting, the Council designated Zimbabwe as Chair, and Bangladesh as Vice-Chair, of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Council.

The Council may wish to confirm the designation made and elect Zimbabwe as Chair, and Bangladesh as Vice-Chair, of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Council.

The Chair may wish to appoint a Rapporteur.

b. Adoption of the agenda (C/27/L.1/Rev.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/27/L.1/Rev.1).

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

3. Progress Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2024-2025 (C/27/2; C/27/2/Add.1)

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 2024-2025 (C/27/2) and the Work Programme 2024-2025 – Implementation Matrix (C/27/2/Add.1). 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 2024-2025.

4. 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.

5. Programmatic discussion on Scaling and Speeding Up Investment on Renewables (C/27/BN/1)

The Secretariat will introduce the programmatic discussion on Scaling and Speeding Up Investment on Renewables. 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.

6. Programmatic discussion on Derisking investments toward realizing SDG 7 (C/27/BN/2)

The Secretariat will introduce the programmatic discussion on Derisking investments toward realizing SDG 7. 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.

7. Programmatic discussion on Industry Driven Partnerships for Accelerated Energy Transition: AFID and UNEZA (C/27/BN/3)

The Secretariat will introduce the programmatic discussion on Industry Driven Partnerships for Accelerated Energy Transition: Alliance For Industry Decarbonization (AFID) and Utilities for Net Zero Alliance (UNEZA). 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. Administrative and Institutional matters

a. Human Resources Management

i. Report of the Director-General on Human Resources Management and Trends (including policies relating to the recruitment of General Service staff, as well as the requirements for movement from General Service to Professional levels) (C/27/3)

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/27/3).

In addition, at its fourteenth session (Part I on 15th January 2024), the Assembly invited the Council at its next meeting to consider and deliberate on the policies relating to the recruitment of General Service staff, including the requirements for movement from General Service to Professional levels to ensure that the current policy framework is internally consistent and in line with international standards applied, and such requirements are in line with the standards and norms of other international organisations. Information in this regard is presented in section VII of document C/27/3.

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 will consider information on the human resources management and trends and provide guidance and recommendations thereof. The Council may also wish to consider information provided on policies relating to the recruitment of General Service staff and provide guidance, as appropriate.

ii. Report of the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee (AFC) on the Status of the consultations on the Break-in-Service (C/27/4)

At the fourteenth session of the Assembly (Part I on 15th January 2024), the President invited the Chair of the twenty-sixth Council, United States of America (USA), to report on the deliberations of the Council meetings in 2023.

During its oral report, the Chair of the Council relayed that the Secretariat presented the Report of the Director-General – Break-in-Service and Consultants contained in document C/26/6 for consideration at the twenty-sixth Council meeting. He reported that the Council discussed the matter, with delegations expressing various views on the options presented in the Report of the Director-General – Break-in-Service and Consultants.

The Chair of the Council informed the Assembly that the AFC Chair, Tonga, provided updates on the matter and explained that due to difficulties in scheduling a meeting at a date convenient to all interested parties, the AFC Chair had been unable to conduct any consultations. The Council Chair relayed that the AFC Chair further informed that he would continue to work with the AFC and interested countries to conduct these consultations in the near future and provide an update accordingly.

Following the recommendation by the Assembly, the Council will have before it the Report of the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee (AFC) on the Status of the consultations on the Break-in-Service (C/27/4). The Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will introduce the item and inform on the Committee's consideration of his report.

The Council may wish to consider and take note of the Report of the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee (AFC) on the Status of the consultations on the Break-in-Service and provide guidance, as appropriate.

b. Report of the Director-General on the Activities of the Internal Audit Office, and Internal Audit Recommendations and Actions Taken (C/27/5)

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/27/5). 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.

c. Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2023 (C/27/6)

The Council will have before it the Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2023.

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 2023 and transmit them to the Assembly for consideration at its fifteenth session.

d. 2023 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA (C/27/7)

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 2023 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA (C/27/7). 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 2023 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 fifteenth session.

e. Matters related to Ethics

i. Report of the Ethics Advisory Board

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Terms of Reference for the Ethics Advisory Board (Terms of Reference, contained in A/3/17), the Ethics Advisory Board reports annually to the Council, including on the number of consultations with the Director-General and/or the Ethics Officer in the reporting year.

The Chair of the Ethics Advisory Board will present an oral report on the Board's activities.

The Council may wish to consider and take note of the report of the Chair of the Ethics Advisory Board.

ii. **Review of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for IRENA (C/27/8)**

At the twenty-sixth meeting of the Council, the Chair of the Ethics Advisory Board, the United Arab Emirates, recalled the agreement at the twenty-fifth meeting of the Council to undertake a review of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for IRENA and proposed that an agenda item on this matter be included for the next Council meeting. The Chair of the Ethics Advisory Board further stated that the Ethics Advisory Board would prepare a proposal for this review and revision of the Policy with the support of the Secretariat. The Council took note and agreed to add the review of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for IRENA to the agenda of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Council.

The Council will have before it a proposal by the Ethics Advisory Board on the Review of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for IRENA (C/27/8).

The Council may wish to consider the proposal by the Ethics Advisory Board on the Review of the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for IRENA and provide guidance and recommendations, as appropriate.

9. Report of the Open-Ended Group on the Establishment of Regional Offices of IRENA

At its twenty-fourth meeting, 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 first meeting¹, in virtual format, on 27 February 2023.

The second meeting of the Open-Ended Group on the Establishment of Regional Offices of IRENA, facilitated by Egypt, was convened on 11 September 2023. At the twenty-sixth meeting of the Council, Egypt presented an oral report on the outcome of the second meeting² of the Open-Ended Group on the Establishment of Regional Offices of IRENA.

The Council took note of the report by the Facilitator of the Open-Ended Group on the Establishment of Regional Offices of IRENA and agreed to continue the discussion on this matter under the umbrella of the Open-Ended Group, on the basis of the approach presented by the Facilitator in its report and the interventions made.

Following consideration of the matter and recommendation at its twenty-sixth meeting, the Council will hear an oral report from Egypt on the outcome of the discussions of the third meeting of the Open-Ended Group on the Establishment of Regional Offices of IRENA.

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

¹ The Summary of the first meeting of the Open-ended Group on the Establishment of Regional Offices of IRENA, held on 27 February 2023, is available at this [link](#).

² The Summary of the second meeting of the Open-ended Group on the Establishment of Regional Offices of IRENA, held on 11 September 2023, is available at this [link](#).

10. Establishment of the IRENA Liaison Office Vienna

On 15th May 2024, Austria shared a proposal with the Secretariat to add an item to the provisional agenda of the twenty-seventh Council meeting, entitled “Establishment of the IRENA Liaison Office Vienna”, accompanied by the explanatory note.

In keeping with the established procedures of the Council, the United States of America, Chair of the twenty-sixth Council meeting and Zimbabwe, Chair-designate of the twenty-seventh Council meeting, in consultation with the Director-General, transmitted the proposal by Austria, on Tuesday 21st May 2024, to Council members for their feedback and comments.

Having received no comments from Council members by the deadline, the United States of America and Zimbabwe, requested the Secretariat to transmit a revised Provisional Agenda of the twenty-seventh Council, prior to the opening of the Council meeting.

The Council will have before it the letter by Austria ([link](#)), including the proposal to add an item to the provisional agenda of the twenty-seventh Council meeting, entitled “Establishment of the IRENA Liaison Office Vienna” as well as the explanatory note ([link](#)).

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

11. Arrangements for the twenty-eighth 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-eighth meeting of the Council on 24-25 October 2024 in Abu Dhabi, with the meetings of the two Committees (AFC and PSC) to be held in-person on 23 October 2024.

With a view to facilitating early planning, the Council will be invited to consider proposed dates for its meetings in 2025, at the twenty-eighth meeting.

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

12. Any other business

13. Closing of the meeting