

Twenty-third meeting of the Council  
Abu Dhabi, 24-25 May 2022

## **Annotated Provisional Agenda**

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

The opening of the meeting will take place on 24 May 2022, commencing at 10.00 am Gulf Standard Time (GMT +4). Japan, 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.

Having received the expressions of interest and following consultation among the 21 members of the Council for 2022, Uruguay has been designated as Chair, and Norway as Vice-Chair, of the twenty-third meeting of the Council.

**The Council may wish to confirm the designation made and elect Uruguay as Chair, and Norway as Vice-Chair, of the twenty-third meeting of the Council.**

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

#### **b. Adoption of the agenda (C/23/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/23/L.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 2022-2023 (C/23/2)**

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/23/2). 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.**

#### **4. 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.**

#### **Member Interventions – General Interventions, including on items 3 and 4 above**

In addition to delivering their views on items 3 and 4, Members will have an opportunity to also deliver their national/organisation statements on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, as indicated in the Provisional Agenda and in the Overview of the meeting<sup>1</sup>.

To facilitate any outstanding national statements, Members will have the opportunity to deliver such statements under the agenda item Any Other Business, before the closing of the Council.

#### **5. Presentation of the Director-General pursuant to paragraph III (i) of the Addendum to document A/5/5**

At the twelfth session of the Assembly, the President notified the Assembly of the forthcoming end of the four-year term of the Director-General. Pursuant to paragraph III (h) of the Addendum to document A/5/5, the Director-General submitted a letter to Japan, in its capacity as Chair of the twenty-second Council meeting, on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022, expressing his intent to seek renewal of his appointment. The letter included a submission<sup>2</sup> containing a summary of the achievements to date and a vision for the future.

On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022, Japan transmitted the above-mentioned submission of the Director-General to the Membership and invited their views on the matter. In keeping with the established process<sup>3</sup>, Japan will circulate the outcome of its consultation process to all IRENA Members prior to the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Council.

Pursuant to paragraph III (i) of the Addendum to document A/5/5, the incumbent Director-General, Mr Francesco La Camera, will make a presentation at a session of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting, open to all IRENA Members.

After the presentation, Members will be invited to present their views. Thereafter, the Council is expected to deliberate on its recommendation to the thirteenth session of the Assembly, in accordance with paragraph III (i) of the Addendum to document A/5/5.

**The Council may wish to consider the presentation of the incumbent Director-General and put forward a recommendation to the Assembly, for consideration at its thirteenth session.**

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<sup>1</sup> Please find [here](#) the link to the Overview of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting

<sup>2</sup> Please find [here](#) the link to the submission of the Director-General.

<sup>3</sup> Please refer to document C/22/INF/4 on the Process and timelines in case of renewal for a further term of the incumbent IRENA Director-General

## **6. Note of the Director-General – Draft Framework for the Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027 (C/23/3)**

At its sixth session, the Assembly decided that the discussions on the next Medium-term Strategy (MTS) should be integrated into regular Council meetings to enable a sustained and inclusive framework for engagement. In keeping with the approach of the MTS 2018-2022, the eleventh session of the Assembly agreed with the recommendation of the twentieth Council on the creation of a Working Team comprising interested Members to guide and support the development of the Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027. The second meeting of the Working Team was convened on 23 March 2022, co-facilitated by Denmark and Kenya. The third meeting of the Working Team will be held on 11 May 2022.

The Council will have before it the Draft Framework for the Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027 (C/23/3). The Director-General will introduce the item. The Co-facilitators of the MTS Working Team will report back on its second and third meeting, and the Chair of the Programme and Strategy Committee will report on the Committee's consideration of the item.

**The Council may wish to consider the Draft Framework, and provide guidance for the development of the Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027.**

## **7. Administrative and Institutional matters**

### **a. Staff Tenure Policy**

At the twenty-second meeting of the Council, Zimbabwe reported on the outcome of the Open-ended Group on the Tenure Policy for Professional staff and above, in its capacity as the Facilitator of the group. The Council took note of the report as well as of the proposals made therein and recommended that the twelfth session of the Assembly requests further consideration of these proposals at the twenty-third meeting of the Council. The Council also requested the provision of further information as well as the preparation of a general review of other human resources matters at IRENA, taking into account the current practice of other international organisations.

The Council also recommended that the Open-ended Group, facilitated by Zimbabwe, continues its discussions on the proposals on staff tenure policy for Professional staff and above, in preparation for further consideration of this matter at its twenty-third meeting.

Following consideration of the matter at the twelfth session of the Assembly, the Council may wish to refer to document A/12/INF/4, entitled Report of the Director-General Human Resources Trends.

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 item. Zimbabwe will report on the outcome of the open-ended group meeting on the Staff tenure policy of Professional staff and above.

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

### **b. Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2021 (C/23/4)**

The Council will have before it the Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2021 (C/23/4). 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 2021 and transmit them to the Assembly at its thirteenth session.**

**c. 2021 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA (C/23/5)**

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 2021 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA (C/23/5). 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 2021 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA and submit it to the Assembly for its consideration at the thirteenth session.**

**d. Report of the Director-General – Activities of the Internal Audit Office, and Internal Audit Recommendations and Actions Taken (C/23/6)**

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/23/6). 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.**

**e. Report of the Chair 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.**

**8. Arrangements for the twenty-fourth 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-fourth meeting of the Council on 27-28 October 2022 in Abu Dhabi, subject to prevailing circumstances with respect to the evolution of health, travel and other restrictions.

At its twenty-fourth meeting, the Council will be invited to consider proposed dates for its meetings in 2023 to facilitate early planning.

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

**9. Any other business**

Members will be invited to raise any other issues.

**10. Closing of the meeting**