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### Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane and Just Transition

Twentieth session

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Monday, 24 March 2025			
Room V – Building A			
Time	Agenda item	Detailed agenda (when necessary)	Speakers/Panelists
10:00-10:05	Housekeeping		<b>Secretariat</b>
10:05-10:10	<b>Item 1: Adoption of the agenda</b> Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2025/1		<b>Mr. Raymond Pilcher</b> , Chair, Group of Experts on CMMJT
10:10-10:25	<b>Item 2: Opening remarks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcoming remarks by UNECE Executive Secretary</li> <li>Welcoming remarks by the Chair of the Group of Experts on CMMJT</li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Tatiana Molcean</b> , Executive Secretary, UNECE  <b>Mr. Raymond Pilcher</b> , Chair, Group of Experts on CMMJT
10:25-10:45	<b>Item 3: Activities and priorities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and matters for consideration by the Group of Experts</b>  <i>Documentation:</i> ECE/ENERGY/153	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee on Sustainable Energy's decisions, including its work on just transition for resilient energy</li> <li>Questions and answers (Q&amp;A) and a debate on Group's contribution to the work on just transition for resilient energy</li> <li>Conclusions &amp; Recommendations</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Dario Liguti</b> , Director, Sustainable Energy Division
10:45-12:15	<b>Item 4: Twentieth Anniversary of the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane and Just Transition - Reflecting on the past, shaping the future</b>  Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2025/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel to review major milestones, acknowledge valuable contributions from experts and stakeholders, and discuss future strategic priorities and partnerships to advance the Group's mandate and impact</li> <li>Discussion with stakeholders, including Youth representatives, on the Group's future direction</li> </ul>	<b>Moderator: Mr. Raymond Pilcher</b> , Chair, Group of Experts on CMMJT  <b>Ms. Vishakha Joshi</b> , member of UNECE Just Transition Task Force  <b>Mr. David Creedy</b> , Sindicatum Sustainable Resources  <b>Mr. Jacek Skiba</b> , Central Mining Institute of Katowice (Poland)  <b>Mr. Clark Talkington</b> , Advanced Resources International  <b>Ms. Yuhan (Sicily) Zheng</b> , Chair of UNECE Sustainable Energy Division Informal Young Energy Working Group  <b>Ms. Felicia Ruiz</b> , Clean Air Task Force  <b>Ms. Bobbie Foot</b> , BHP, Chair, Task Force on Just Transition, Group of Experts on CMMJT
12:15-12:30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conclusions &amp; Recommendations</li> </ul>	
12:30-13:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional advisory services and collaboration activities</li> </ul>	<b>Mr Oleg Dzioubinski</b> , Regional Advisor, UNECE

13:00-15:00 Lunch break [13:45-14:30 Lunchtime lecture on <a href="#">Seabed Minerals - Myths and Facts (And Everything in Between?)</a> (Room XVIII)			
15:00-16:10	<b>Item 5: Implementation of the work plan for 2024-2025 and Item 9: Work plan for 2026-2027</b>  Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2023/5 and ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2025/3	<b>Methane Emissions Reduction (Session I)</b>	<b>Moderator: Mr. Clark Talkington</b> , Advanced Resources International
		Progress in implementation of the work plan for 2024-2025 and Presentation of the Work Plan for 2026-2027 with a focus on work related to methane emissions reduction	<b>Mr. Raymond Pilcher</b> , Chair, Group of Experts on CMMJT
		Present the newly released <i>Best Practice Guidance</i> on Ventilation Air Methane (VAM) Mitigation	<b>Mr. Richard Mattus</b> , RM Business Consulting AB
		Case study on improving the use of drained methane at in China at Shaqu Coking Coal Mine, Shanxi Province, China	<b>Mr. Beau Jia</b> , ICE-CMM China
		Case study on MRV in Poland	<b>Ms. Justyna Swolkień</b> , AGH University of Science & Technology
		Template for estimating methane emissions from active underground coal mines	<b>Mr. Owen Hadden</b> , Advanced Resources International
		Collaboration on a guide or methodological approach for reconciling top-down and bottom-up coal mine methane monitoring methods	<b>Mr. Clark Talkington</b> , Advanced Resources International  <b>Mr. Robert Field</b> , UNEP's International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO)
16:10-16:30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> <li>• Conclusions &amp; Recommendations</li> </ul>	
16:30-17:10	<b>Item 5: Implementation of the work plan for 2024-2025 and Item 9: Work plan for 2026-2027</b>  Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2023/5 and ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2025/3	<b>Methane Emissions Reduction (Session II)</b>	<b>Moderator: Ms. Felicia Ruiz</b> , Clean Air Task Force (CATF)
		Implementation of the EU methane regulation	<b>Mr. Brandon Locke</b> , Clean Air Task Force  <b>Ms. Elfie Roy</b> , Carbon Limits AS
		Synergies with UNECE Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers	<b>Mr. Kristof Doucot</b> , UNECE
		Report on past methane-related capacity building activities and plan future activities with the International Centres of Excellence on CMM (ICE-CMMs) and other stakeholders  ICE-CMM recognition criteria and process  Report by the ICE-CMM Poland and ICE-CMM China	<b>Ms. Felicia Ruiz</b> , Director, International Methane Partnerships, Clean Air Task Force  <b>Mr. Michal Drabik</b> , UNECE Secretariat  <b>Ms. Chiara Giamberardini</b> , UNECE Secretariat  <b>Mr. Piotr Kasza</b> , ICE-CMM Poland  <b>Mr. Zhixin Jin</b> , Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering, President, ICE-CMM China
17:10-17:30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> <li>• Conclusions &amp; Recommendations</li> </ul>	
17:30-17:50	<b>Item 8: Fifteenth Joint Meeting of UNECE Group of</b>	Key Take-aways from the Global Methane Forum 2024	<b>Moderator: Mr. Ray Pilcher</b> <b>Mr. Raymond Pilcher</b> , Chair, Group of Experts on CMMJT

	<b>Experts on CMMJT and GMI Coal Mines Subcommittee</b>	GMI Coal Mines Subcommittee Co-Chair Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review of CMM Projects List</li> <li>○ Country Analysis</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Clark Talkington</b> , Advanced Resources International <b>GMI Coal Subcommittee Co-Chairs</b> (China & India)
17:50-18:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> <li>• Conclusions &amp; Recommendations</li> </ul>	
18:00	End of day one		

Tuesday, 25 March 2025 Room XVIII (Building E) from 10:00 to 13:00 & Room V (Building A) from 15:00 to 18:00			
Time	Agenda item	Detailed agenda (when necessary)	Speakers/Panelists
10:00-12:00	<b>Item 6: Joint Session of the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane and Just Transition with the Expert Group on Resource Management</b>	<p>Cross-cutting session on 'Achieving Carbon Neutrality through Just Energy Transition: The role of Resource Management'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel discussion: Member States sharing their transition experience</li> <li>• Presentation: Alternative uses of coal: Tajikistan study</li> <li>• Panel discussion: The emerging energy transition sector; A Just Transition for Workers and Communities</li> <li>• Conclusions &amp; Recommendations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Opening by Ms. Karen Hanghøj</b>, Chair EGRM</p> <p><b>Moderated by: Ms. Karen Hanghøj</b>, Chair EGRM</p> <p><b>UNECE member States representatives</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Raymond Pilcher</b>, Chair, Group of Experts on CMMJT</p> <p><b>Moderator: Bobbie Foot</b>, BHP, Chair, Task Force on Just Transition, Group of Experts on CMMJT</p> <p><b>Raphael J. Heffron</b>, Professor in Energy Justice, Law and Sustainability, University of Pau, France</p> <p><b>Ana Paula De Souza</b>, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR</p> <p><b>Bianca Neumann</b>, Co-Chair, EGRM Resource Management Young Members Group</p> <p><b>Nassim Oulmane</b>, Director, ai, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resource Management Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)</p> <p><b>Camila Meireles</b>, Specialist in Extractives, Energy &amp; Manufacturing Sectors, ILO</p> <p><b>Cristina Marras</b>, Co-Chair, EGRM Women in Resource Management Working Group</p> <p><b>Wolfgang Pohl</b>, Lead Sustainable Mining Specialist, World Bank</p>
12:00-13:00	<b>Item 7: Election of officers</b>	Elections	<p><b>Secretariat</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Raymond Pilcher</b>, Chair, Group of Experts on CMMJT</p>
<p><b>13:00-15:00 Lunch break</b>  <b>[13:45-14:30 Lunchtime lecture on <a href="#">Powering the Change with Artificial Intelligence</a> (Room XVIII)</b></p>			

15:00-15:40	<b>Item 5: Implementation of the work plan for 2024-2025 &amp; Item 9: Work plan for 2026-2027</b>	<b>Safe Operations and Closure of Coal Mines</b>	<b>Moderator/Session Organizer: Ms. Alicja Krzemiń,</b> Chair, Task Force on Safe Operations and Closure of Coal Mines
		Progress in implementation of the work plan for 2024-2025 and Presentation of the Work Plan for 2026-2027 with a focus on work related to safe operations and closure of coal mines	<b>Ms. Alicja Krzemiń,</b> Chair, Task Force on Safe Operations and Closure of Coal Mines <b>Mr. Raymond Pilcher,</b> Chair, Group of Experts on CMMJT
		Case Studies from Spain and Poland on mine closure experiences	<b>Mr. Pedro Riesgo Fernandez,</b> University of Oviedo (Spain)
		Repurposing end-of-life underground coal mines by deploying emerging renewable energy and circular economy technologies to promote sustainable local economic growth and maximize the number of green, quality jobs  Financing mined-land repurposing	<b>Ms. Alicja Krzemiń,</b> Central Mining Institute of Katowice (Poland), EURACOAL (Belgium)  <b>Mr. Wolfhart Pohl,</b> Lead Sustainable Mining Specialist, World Bank
		Methane emissions from abandoned and closed coal mines	<b>Mr. Jerzy Hadro,</b> Polish Geological Institute
		Synergies with ILO 176 - Safety and Health in Mines Convention	<b>Ms. Camila Meireles,</b> Specialist in Extractives, Energy & Manufacturing Sectors, ILO
15:40-16:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> <li>• Conclusions &amp; Recommendations</li> </ul>	
16:00-16:40	<b>Item 5: Implementation of the work plan for 2024-2025 &amp; Item 9: Work plan for 2026-2027</b>	<b>Just Transition</b>	<b>Moderator: Ms. Bobbie Foot,</b> Chair, Task Force on Just Transition
		Progress in implementation of the work plan for 2024-2025 and Presentation of the Work Plan for 2026-2027 with a focus on work related to just transition	<b>Ms. Bobbie Foot,</b> Chair, Task Force on Just Transition <b>Mr. Raymond Pilcher,</b> Chair, Group of Experts on CMMJT
		Just Energy Transition in Coal Regions – Knowledge Hub	<b>Mr. Jonas Kuehl,</b> International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
		Just transition in coal and gas-related industries	<b>Mr. Dengchao Li,</b> Shanxi GOWIN Construction of Coalbed Methane Company, Vice President of International Business, UNECE SED Informal Young Energy Working Group
		Just Transition Support Platform	<b>Ms. Navina Sanchez Ibrahim,</b> Asian Development Bank
		Just Transition Work Programme from COP28 to COP30	<b>Ms. Kusum Lata,</b> Team Lead, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC
		Just Transition Work Programme and Place-based socially inclusive approaches to clean energy transitions	<b>Mr. Josh Oxby,</b> UN-SDG Youth Global Focal Point
		Just Transition and Women's Empowerment in Central Asia	<b>Ms. Giulia Manconi,</b> OSCE
		Updates on piloting a just transition approach in the region – the example of	<b>Mr. Michal Drabik,</b> UNECE Secretariat

		ILO-UNDP-UNECE joint project in Uzbekistan	
16:40-17:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> <li>• Conclusions &amp; Recommendations</li> </ul>	<b>15 minutes</b>
17:00-17:05	<b>Item 10: Dates of the next meeting</b>		<b>Secretariat</b>
17:05-17:20	<b>Item 11: Other business</b>		<b>Mr. Raymond Pilcher</b> , Chair, Group of Experts on CMMJT <b>Secretariat</b>
17:20-18:00	<b>Item 12: Adoption of report and close of meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of the report</li> <li>• Closing remarks</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Raymond Pilcher</b> , Chair, Group of Experts on CMMJT <b>Mr. Dario Liguti</b> , Director, SED, UNECE
18:00	Close of the twentieth session		