



ENERGY CHARTER EXPERT MEETING

REMOVING PRE-INVESTMENT BARRIERS IN ENERGY

Mobilising energy investments towards universal access and energy transition

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Welcome remarks and keynote speech

Dr Urban Rusnák, Secretary General, Energy Charter Secretariat - Dr Urban Rusnák is Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat in January 2012. Dr Rusnák is Slovak by nationality. He graduated from the Moscow Institute of Oil and Gas in 1990 with an M.Sc. and received his Ph.D. from the Ankara University Institute of Social Sciences in 1998. Dr. Rusnák also holds an Honoris Causa doctorate from the Kiev Slavonic University since 2009. Prior to his appointment with the Energy Charter Secretariat, Dr Rusnák worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic and was the Leader of the Project for Slovakia's External Energy Security. Before that, he was Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Ukraine (2005-2009), Head of the MFA Political Analysis Division (2003-2005), Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Turkey (1994-1998). Since becoming Secretary General, Dr Rusnák has focussed his efforts on the modernisation of the Energy Charter Process, and on the updating of the institutional arrangements for the Conference. A chairmanship of the Energy Charter Conference by member states was introduced in 2014. The culmination of the modernisation efforts however has been the adoption of the International Energy Charter in May 2015. This is a new political declaration which addresses the energy challenges of the twenty first century

Panel I : International cooperation on investment promotion: identifying and removing barriers to the establishment of sustainable energy investments

Mr Joachim Pohl, Policy Analyst of the Investment Division at OECD - Joachim Pohl is investment policy analyst in the OECD Investment Division. His work covers international investment agreements and investment policies more broadly. Mr. Pohl joined the OECD in 2003 as analyst in the Anti-Corruption Division and later coordinator of the Asian Development Bank/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific. Before joining the OECD, Mr. Pohl, a German national, taught constitutional and administrative law at Humboldt University Berlin and MGLU Moscow. He holds a PhD in law from Humboldt-University and a master's degree in political science from the University of Bordeaux.

Mr Joachim Karl, Chief Policy, Chief of Policy Research Section of the Division on Investment and Enterprise at UNCTAD - Legal Affairs Officer in the Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development of UNCTAD. Before joining the UN in November 2005, he worked for seven years on international investment matters at the OECD and the Energy Charter Secretariat in Brussels. He started his professional career in the German Ministry of Economics, where he dealt with European Law issues and the negotiation of international investment agreements.

Mr. Karl holds a PhD in international law from the University of Konstanz in Germany, and a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard's J.F.Kennedy School of Government. He has written numerous articles on European law and international investment issues, and was a lecturer at the German Federal Academy of Public Administration.

Mr Peter Kusek, Senior Investment Policy Officer, Trade & Competitiveness Global Practice at the World Bank Group – Mr Peter Kusek is a Senior Investment Policy Officer in the World Bank Group's Trade and Competitiveness Global Practice, advising client governments on business environment reforms. He specializes in foreign direct investment regulation and administrative practices. He also leads the investment climate analytics program. Prior to joining the World Bank Group, Peter worked on small-enterprise development in Bangladesh, on microfinance in Tanzania, and at the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic. He was also program manager at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington-based foreign and security policy think tank. Peter holds a master's degree in economic policy and international development from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

Panel II : Domestic frameworks to attract and promote energy investments: predictability of legal framework and confidence in energy markets

Dr Malan Lindeque Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Trade and Industry of Namibia - Dr. Malan Lindeque (MSc, PhD) is currently the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Environment and Tourism in the Republic of Namibia, the focal point for climate change and the implementation of related multilateral environmental agreements. He was until 2015 the Permanent Secretary of Trade and Industry and oversaw the reform of Namibia's investment legislation, industrial development strategy and related instruments. He was also the lead negotiator for Namibia for the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the SADC grouping of countries.

Engr. Faruk Yusuf Yabo, Assistant Director Renewable Energy & Rural Power Access Dept., Federal Ministry of Power, Works & Housing of Nigeria - Faruk is Assistant Director in the Department of Renewable Energy and Rural Power Access (RRD) of the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing. He was appointed Special Adviser to the Honourable Minister of State for Power in Sept 2010 and has worked in that capacity with three former Ministers until mid 2014. He is currently the SE4ALL National Focal Point for Nigeria and the Coordinator, Nigeria Energy Support Programme (NESP) funded by EU and German Government. He presently supervises several renewable energy projects under the federal government multilateral and bilateral cooperation programmes managed by the Ministry of Power. During the past 13 years of being in the Ministry, Faruk has served as member and secretary to several critical committees that drove the Nigerian power sector reforms. He has recently played key role in the development of Nigeria's national policies, plans and strategies on renewable energy, energy efficiency and rural electrification. He holds B. Sc in Physics, Usmanu Danfodio University, Sokoto in 1991; PGD in Computer Science and Engineering, ESUTECH, Enugu, 1997; PGD in Electrical Engineering, BUK, Kano in 2002 and M. Sc in Electrical Engineering, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 2010. He is a member of the Nigeria society of Engineers and is a COREN certified Engineer.

Mr Inam Ullah, Director at the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources of Pakistan - Mr. Inam Ullah is a Director Law and Economics at Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources. He is serving there for the past nine years. He is graduate in Law and also graduate in Commerce. He has done his Postgraduate Diploma in International Trade Law and a Masters degree in Petroleum Laws and Policy from University of Dundee, Scotland, UK. As Director Law and Economics he is dealing with import of gas through transnational gas pipelines and Liquefied Natural Gas. He is also working on liberalisations of downstream gas sector. He has also served as legal ahead of Directorate General of Petroleum Concessions in Ministry of Petroleum.

Dr Towfick Sufian, Head of Technical Office at the Ministry of Energy and Electricity of Yemen - Dr. Towfick Sufian, presently the Technical Advisor to the Minister of Electricity and Energy of Yemen and Head of the Technical Office of the Ministry of Electricity and Energy of Yemen. Recently seconded to the Energy Charter Secretariat and prepared the Accession Reports for Yemen to join the ECT full membership. Dr. Sufian was born on 12th September 1953 in Yemen, obtained his Basic and University Education in UK. Hold a BSc. Electrical Engineering from Liverpool John Moores University (1978), MSc. Electrical Power Systems from Salford University (1980) and PhD Electrical Power Systems from Salford University UK (1984). Posted as an Assistant Professor at Sana'a University (1985), Associate Professor (1990) and Full Professor (1997) at the Faculty of Engineering, Sana'a University, Yemen. Held administrative posts of Head of Electrical Engineering

Department, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Vice President of Sana'a University for Post Graduate Studies and Scientific research. Dr. Sufian managed World Bank and USAID funded educational projects in Yemen.

Panel III : International practice on pre-investment conditions

Mr. Ilia Eloshvili, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Energy of Georgia - Prior to his appointment in the Ministry, Mr Ilia Eloshvili was assigned to USAID funded project – “Tetra Tech Inc.” as Deputy Chief. From 2008 to 2010 he has been working as Deputy CEO of “Millennium Challenge Georgia” (MCG). He has successfully directed “Wissol Gas Distribution, Ltd” and “Wissol Petroleum, Ltd” in 2007-2008 years. Mr. Eloshvili holds a B.A. in Business Administration from the Utrecht Business School, University of Professional Education. He participated in number of professional certificate programs, among them - “Association of US Marine Corps Engineers”, where he has received a certification of Quality Control Specialist.

Mr Masoud Hashemian Esfahani, Acting Deputy Minister of Petroleum and Director General for Economic and Investment Affairs at the Ministry of Petroleum of the Islamic Republic of Iran - Dr. Masoud. Hashemian Esfahani is currently acting deputy of petroleum minister and director general for economic & investment affairs of I.R. Iran's Petroleum Ministry. His specialism is in energy particularly investment, finance and strategic management with extensive knowledge of the oil and gas industry over 28 years. He is lecturer and he has led many research projects in Institute of International Energy Studies in Iran and other universities. He was born in Esfahan city of Iran and worked in various positions in Iran's oil industry.

Mr Pedro Mendonça Cavalcante, Secretary of the Division Trade in Services at the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil – Mr Pedro Mendonça Cavalcante is a career diplomat. Currently at the Trade in Services Division, Mr. Cavalcante is the desk for investment agreement negotiations at the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations. He has been directly involved in the drafting and negotiation of the new Brazilian IIA model (Cooperation and Facilitation Investment Agreement-CFIA) since its early conception, in 2012. Mr. Cavalcante has an academic background in International Law, with a Master degree in International Law from the Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ), where he specialized in International Investment Rules and Oil and Gas Law.

Mr Karl van Kessel, Counsellor on Trade, Investment and Science & Technology at the Mission of Canada to the EU – Mr Karl van Kessel is currently Counsellor with the Mission of Canada to the EU, where he works on various trade policy files, but mainly CETA implementation. Prior to arriving in Brussels in 2015, Karl was Deputy Director with the Investment Trade Policy Division with Global Affairs Canada. There he was responsible for maintaining and updating Canada's model Bilateral Investment Treaty, policy lead for the CETA investment dispute settlement negotiations, and lead negotiator for various Bilateral Investment Treaties in Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Karl was also policy lead for several investor-state dispute settlement proceedings under NAFTA Chapter Eleven. Karl also has experience working on trade defence instruments.

Ms Maiko Meguro, Research Fellow at Energy Charter Secretariat and former Deputy Director, Economic Partnership Division, Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry (Japan) - Research fellow at Energy Charter Secretariat, and a former deputy director of Economic Partnership Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan. She was an officer in charge of investment chapter and service chapter of Trans Pacific Partnership, EU-Japan EPA, Japan-Turkey EPA, and also other BITs. She is currently on sabbatical from Government of Japan, and based at University of Amsterdam.

Dr Katrina Naut, Director of Foreign Trade at Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Dominican Republic - Dr. Katrina Naut is the Director-General of the Directorate of Foreign Trade and International Trade Agreements Administration (DICOEX), at the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Dominican Republic. She is a graduate of the School of Law at the Universidad Iberoamericana, with a Master's degree in Public Management from Instituto de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Sociales/ Fundación Ortega y Gasset; a Masters in International Business from Ajou University, South Korea; and a Masters in Economics from University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne.

Panel IV : Regulatory cooperation and investment facilitation: the experience of energy regulators and investment promotion agencies

Mr Christian Cuijpers Principal Advisor at Belgian Regulatory Commission for Electricity and Gas (CREG) and representative of Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) – Mr Chris Cuijpers studied and worked at the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium) for eleven years where he specialised in energy economics. After being head of studies at the Belgian Road Safety Institute for 3 years, he joined the Belgian National Regulatory Authority (CREG) in July 2000.

He is principal advisor at CREG and advises on connecting gas markets, facilitation of market functioning and security of gas supplies. He is the second permanent representative of Belgium in the Gas Coordination Group of the European Commission and vice-chair of the Security of Supply Task Force of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER). He is also member of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Group of Experts on Gas.

Mrs Veronica Lenzi, Research and Scientific Manager at Mediterranean Energy Regulators (MedReg) – Mrs Veronica Lenzi holds a Ph.D. in Political Systems and Institutional Change from the IMT Institute for Advanced Studies of Lucca, Italy. Her research interests concern geopolitics of energy, structure and administrative reforms of regulatory authorities and international economy of energy. Prior to joining the Association of Mediterranean Energy Regulators (MEDREG) as Research and Scientific Manager, Dr. Lenzi has spent visiting periods at the Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Energie (OME) and at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.

Mrs Naa Lamle Orleans-Lindsay, Head of Legal Department at Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC) – Mrs Naa Lamle Orleans-Lindsay joined the Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC) from the private sector in 2008. She is currently the Head of the Legal Department of the GIPC and is responsible for the provision of legal advice on the investment regulatory regime in Ghana. She was instrumental in the development of the current GIPC legislation and contributed to other investment related legislation and policies in Ghana. Naa Lamle also is Ghana's lead negotiator on bilateral investment treaties and continues to be involved in the negotiation of other international investment agreements. She has participated as an expert in various forums on international investment law and policy.

Mr Mahamady Koussoube, Head of Investment Facilitation Department at Investment Promotion Agency of Burkina Faso – Mr Mahamady Koussoubé works as a Director of investment facilitation at the Investment Promotion Agency of Burkina Faso. He graduated from the National School of Administration and Magistracy of Burkina Faso, as Economic Affairs Advisor. He also worked as project manager and international trade specialist. Mr Koussoube holds master in economics and in project management. Before joining the Investment Promotion Agency of Burkina Faso, he was responsible for monitoring the implementation of the national policy aimed at promoting the private sector engagement.

Mr Oumar Bangoura, Principal Legal Expert at ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA) – Mr Oumar Bangoura is Principal Legal Expert at the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA). As a Specialist in Business Law, he holds a Masters and a CESS (Certificate of Specialized Higher Studies) in economics and energy policy, and has 23 years experience in the finance and energy sectors. Prior to his present position in ERERA, Mr. Bangoura was Legal Adviser to the Minister of Energy of the Republic of Guinea, where he built up a practical experience at the national and international levels on energy policy issues, and in the negotiation and drafting of international laws relating to electricity projects and in the field of cooperation on international rivers. At the regional level, he has been heavily involved in the drafting of regulations and policies adopted to date within the framework of the establishment of the West African Power Pool (WAPP) and some regional projects including the ECOWAS Energy Protocol, WAPP Conventions, ERERA's Acts, Senegal-Guinea Cooperation Agreements and Guinea-Senegal River Basin Development Organization (OMVS) Conventions for the development of common projects in the energy sectors. Previously, Mr. Bangoura had a career as a Senior Executive at the Central Bank of GUINEA, and was responsible for Tax/Business Law courses at the University of Conakry.