

Brussels, 12 November 2024

35th MEETING OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

MEETING INVITATION TO DELEGATIONS AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

DATE: Tuesday, 3 December 2024 – Statutory Session (Parts I and II)

Wednesday, 4 December 2024 – Ministerial Meeting

PLACE: Brussels, Belgium

Delegations will find attached the **provisional agenda for the 35th Meeting of the Energy Charter Conference (Conference) as of 12 November 2024**. The meeting will take place in Brussels, Belgium, with both **in-person** and **virtual** participation options available.

Delegations are kindly requested to register their participation at the earliest. Registration will be open until COB 25 November 2024.

Please note that all the documents for the meeting will be available on the Delegates' webpage. The Energy Charter Secretariat (Secretariat) will not provide printed copies of the documents. Simultaneous interpretation in English and Russian will be available.

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MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES



3-4 DECEMBER 2024
35th MEETING OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

PROVISIONAL AGENDA (as of 12 November 2024)

STATUTORY SESSION – PART I and PART II
3 DECEMBER 2024
09:00 – 16:00
VENUE: EFTA HOUSE, BRUSSELS

STATUTORY SESSION – PART I
(For Members of the Energy Charter Conference only)

08:00-09:00 **WELCOME COFFEE**
REGISTRATION OPEN FOR MEMBERS

Welcome statement by **H.E. Dr. Saleh A. Al-Kharabsheh**, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Chair of the Energy Charter Conference (Conference)

Chair: H.E. Dr. Saleh A. Al-Kharabsheh, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Chair of the Conference

Agenda Items:

- 1. Approval of the Agenda** (Message 2180/24 Rev 2)
The Conference will be invited to approve the Agenda.
- 2. Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty** (CC 760 Rev 2, CC 761 Rev 2, CC 762 Rev 2, CC 763 Rev 3, CC 764 Rev 2, CC 765 Rev 2, CC 814, and CC 820)



- **Decisions on the Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty**

The Conference will be invited to adopt/approve:

- *Proposed Amendments to the Energy Charter Treaty (CC 760 Rev 2);*
- *Proposed Modifications and Changes to Annexes to the Energy Charter Treaty (CC 761 Rev 2);*
- *Proposed Changes to Understandings, Declarations and Decisions (CC 762 Rev 2); and*
- *Entry into Force and Provisional Application of Amendments to the Energy Charter Treaty and Modifications and Changes to its Annexes (CC 763 Rev 3).*

- **De-restriction of Documents related to the Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty and Application of the Policy on Access to the *Travaux Préparatoires* (CC 765 Rev 2)**

The Conference will be invited to de-restrict the official documents in relation to the modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty since November 2019 and to confirm the application of the policy on access to the travaux préparatoires to these de-restricted documents.

- **Public Communication on the Adoption/Approval of the Decisions on the Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty (CC 820)**

The Conference will be invited to approve the Public Communication on the Adoption/Approval of the Decisions on the Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty.

- **Designation of the Energy Charter Secretariat as a Depositary of the Energy Charter Treaty (CC 814)**

The Conference will be invited to adopt a decision designating the Energy Charter Secretariat as a Depositary of the Energy Charter Treaty on an interim basis.

- **Final Report of the Modernisation Group and Dissolution of the Modernisation Group (CC 764 Rev 2)**

The Conference will be invited to take note of the Final Report of the Modernisation Group and to dissolve the Group, acknowledging the successful completion of its mandate.



10:15-10:45 – Coffee Break

3. Review under Article 34(7) of the Energy Charter Treaty (CC 821 and CC 822)

The Conference will be invited to take note of the Report of the Strategy and Implementation Group on the Review under Article 34(7) of the Energy Charter Treaty as well as to approve the Conclusions of the Review under Article 34(7) of the Energy Charter Treaty.

4. Selection Process for the Secretary-General

The Conference will be invited to take note of and approve the timing for the selection process of the Secretary-General.

5. Budgetary Issues

The Conference will be invited to take note of the Report by the Chair of the Budget Committee (CC 826).

6. Chairmanships 2025–2027

The Conference will be invited to approve the Chairmanships for 2025–2027.

7. Officers of the Subsidiary Bodies and Members of the Management Committee

The Conference will be invited to designate and confirm the officers of subsidiary bodies and elective members of the Management Committee (CC 828).

CONCLUSION OF THE STATUTORY SESSION – PART I

12:45-14:15 – Lunch Break



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STATUTORY SESSION – PART II

(For Members and Observers of the Energy Charter Conference)

13:30-14:15 REGISTRATION OPEN FOR MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS

Chair: H.E. Dr. Saleh A. Al-Kharabsheh, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Chair of the Conference

Agenda Items:

1. Report of the Acting Secretary-General on the Activities in 2024 and Reports of the Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies

The Conference will be invited to take note of the following reports:

- *Report by the Acting Secretary-General on the Activities in 2024 (CC 824);*
- *Report by the Chair of the Strategy and Implementation Group (CC 825); and*
- *Report by the Chair of the Industry Advisory Panel (CC 827).*

2. Presentation by the Acting Chair of the Modernisation Group

The Acting Chair of the Modernisation Group will be invited to make a presentation.

3. Provisional Schedule of Meetings for 2025

The Conference will be invited to take note of the provisional schedule of meetings for 2025 (Message 2189/24).

4. 36th Meeting of the Conference: Date and Venue

The Conference will be invited to approve the date and venue of the 36th Meeting of the Conference.

5. Any Other Business

CONCLUSION OF THE STATUTORY SESSION – PART II



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**4 DECEMBER 2024
MINISTERIAL MEETING
08:30 – 14:30**

VENUE: THE MERODE, BRUSSELS

(For Members, Observers, industry, and other invited participants)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA (as of 12 November 2024)

Moderated by **Ms. Atsuko Hirose**, Acting Secretary-General, Energy Charter Secretariat

08:30 -09:30 **Registration and Coffee**

09:30-09:45 **Opening of the Ministerial Meeting**

H.E. Dr. Saleh A. Al-Kharabsheh, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Chair of the Conference

09:45-11:15 **Ministerial Session: Fostering Regional and Global Cooperation to Mobilise Green Investments**

H.E. Ms. Sanja Bozinovska, Minister of Energy, Republic of North Macedonia

H.E. Mr. Orkhan Zeynalov, Deputy Minister of Energy, Republic of Azerbaijan

State Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Republic of Moldova (tbc)

Mr. Tran Ngoc Quan, Trade Counsellor, Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the European Union, *acting on behalf of* H.E. Mr. Nguyen Hong Dien, Minister of Industry and Trade, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

11:15-11:45 **Energy Charter Award Ceremony**

11:45-13:00 **Launch of the Energy Investment Risk Assessment Report 2024**

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CONCLUSION OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING

13:00-14:30 – Lunch Break



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**MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CHARTER INDUSTRY
ADVISORY PANEL**

VENUE: THE MERODE, BRUSSELS

14:30 – 16:15

(For Members, Observers, industry, and other invited participants)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA (as of 12 November 2024)

**Theme – Role of the Modernised Energy Charter Treaty in Accelerating the Clean
Energy Transition**

- 14:30-14:40** **Opening remarks**
Mr. Rafael Cayuela, Chief Strategy Officer & Corporate Chief Economist, Dow EMEAI, Chair of the Industry Advisory Panel (tbc)
- 14:40-15:20** **Panel One: De-risking Investment in Clean Energy Technologies**
- Islamic Development Bank** (tbc)
- WindEurope** (tbc)
- World Energy Council** (tbc)
- 15:20-16:00** **Panel Two: Perspective on Investment Protection under the
Modernised Energy Charter Treaty**
- Mr. Nobuyuki Kikuchi**, lead negotiator for the Government of Japan on modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty (tbc)
- Mr Barton Legum**, Vice Chairperson, Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce
- Mr. Simon Batifort**, Brussels Managing Partner, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP
- Ms. Tomoko Ishikawa**, Professor, Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University
- Closing remarks**
- 16:00-16:15** **Ms. Atsuko Hirose**, Acting Secretary-General, Energy Charter Secretariat

16:15 – Networking reception