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Committee on Sustainable Energy
25th session
28-30 September 2016, Geneva

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are kindly invited to participate in the **twenty-fifth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy**, to be held on 28-30 September 2016 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

This year's theme is **Meeting the Challenge of Sustainable Energy**. Considering the fundamental role of energy in the post-2015 development agenda, the Committee on Sustainable Energy will continue its dialogue on "Energy for Sustainable Development". The agenda features a reality check on the energy transition, energy efficiency, renewable energy and fossil fuels in the context of the energy-related Sustainable Development Goals.

The prime objective of the 25th session of the Committee is to explore how to deliver on the national commitments in support of the Sustainable Development Goals, and to discuss potential solutions to be agreed at an Energy Ministerial at the outset of the Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development in Astana, Kazakhstan, on 11 June 2017.

As an enabler for achievement of all of the Sustainable Development Goals, "sustainable" energy embraces the environmental, economic and social dimensions. The sustainable development agenda places a new imperative on countries to pursue concerted and accelerated action on energy in their national programmes. To pursue diverse development pathways efficiently, countries need to understand the implications of what has been agreed both in their own national contexts and from others' perspectives.

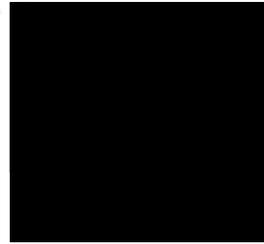
The Committee will exchange views about concrete national actions, about market realities in light of continuing low oil and gas prices and about decision-making in times of risk and uncertainty. Of particular interest will be the gaps between actions and desired outcomes and the consequences decarbonization will have on fossil fuel assets, fossil fuel producers and energy markets in the UNECE region.

We will contact you soon with additional information. In the meantime, for questions please contact Ms. [REDACTED], secretary of the Committee on Sustainable Energy (tel: +41 [REDACTED], e-mail: [REDACTED]@unece.org) or Ms. [REDACTED] (tel: +41 [REDACTED], e-mail: [REDACTED]@unece.org).

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We look forward to your participation and ongoing collaboration in our work.

Yours sincerely,



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