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The 5th Steering Committee Meeting of the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC)

Date: 5 to 8 September 2022

Location: Vienna International Centre (VIC)

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1. Introduction

UNIDO is organizing the 5th Steering Committee Meeting of the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC) programme, from the 5th to the 8th of September 2022 in Vienna, Austria. The event will bring together representatives from the centres, core donors and technical partners. The meeting will be held in a hybrid form and includes the possibility to participate by online means. The meeting is the first physical get-together of the GN-SEC members since the 4th Steering Committee, which was held on 25 October 2019 in Accra, Ghana at the margins of the ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Conference. The meeting includes a BLOOM excursion to the Green Tech Cluster in Styria on the 7th of September, which can be attended by GN-SEC experts on a voluntary basis.

2. GN-SEC Background

To address the missing link of regional clean energy cooperation in developing and emerging countries, UNIDO launched the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC) Programme in 2010. Under a joint platform, UNIDO assists regional economic communities (RECs) in the creation and operation of sustainable energy centres, which drive and accelerate the energy transition “from the region for the region”. The centres are part of the economic integration efforts of RECs and work towards the creation of integrated and inclusive regional markets for sustainable energy products and services by mitigating barriers.

Today, the GN-SEC network comprises eight operating centres in the Arab and African region (ECOWAS, SADC, EAC, Arab League), Asia and Pacific (SPC, ICIMOD), as well as Latin America (CARICOM, SICA) and has approval by more than 108 Ministers of Energy. In this moment, the network expands to Central Asia (ECO) and Central Africa (ECO). With the latter, the GN-SEC covers the entire African continent and will be an important infrastructure for the implementation of the African Union ambition towards a continental trade and energy market. By setting regional policies and standards for national implementation, the centres influence the energy futures of more than 1,2 billion consumers and serve 38 of 46 least developed countries (LDCs) and 32 of 36 small island developing states (SIDS). Currently, the geographic GN-SEC scope is expanded to Latin America and South East Asia by signing cooperation agreements with existing energy centres (e.g. OLADE, ASEAN).

The global GN-SEC platform, hosted by UNIDO in Vienna, Austria, facilitates joint coordination, learning, programs, events and initiatives between the centres and various regions. It provides a "virtual" maker-space for south-south and triangular cooperation activities and joint project proposals. For example, SIDS share similar challenges and opportunities when it comes to electric mobility and storage solutions. LDCs in Sub Sahara Africa share a common interest in renewable energy mini-grid development for rural electrification and productive uses. The virtual GN-SEC platform www.gn-sec.net brings the information sources of all centres in real-time together.

Operational and upstarting GN-SEC centres:

- ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (*ECREEE*)
- Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (*RCREEE*)

- SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (*SACREEE*)
- East African Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (*EACREEE*)
- Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (*PCREEE*)
- Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (*CCREEE*)
- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Capacity for the Hindu Kush Himalaya (*REEECH*)
- SICA Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (*SICREEE*)
- Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for Central Africa (*CEREEAC*)
- ECO Clean Energy Centre (*CECECO*)
- Joint cooperation with the Latin American Energy Organisation (*OLADE*)

Core funding partners:

The core funding partners of the triangular GN-SEC platform activities are the Austrian Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs (BMeiA), the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Government of Spain. Many other partners support the individual regional activities of the centres.

3. Justification

The 5th GN-SEC SC meeting comes very timely on the background of rising fossil fuel and food prices, climate change impacts and the international efforts to “build back better“ through a “green COVID recovery”, addressing economic diversification, environmental protection and climate change mitigation and adaptation simultaneously and an integrated manner. Despite continued supply-chain interruptions and travel restrictions, more than ever, regional and triangular cooperation remains an essential accelerator for the transition towards sustainable energy and circular economy solutions in developing countries.

The GN-SEC centres are an important regional public infrastructure of the regional economic communities in support of a global business model that allows to produce more of the products and services required by a growing world population, while using fewer resources and producing less waste and pollution. The journey of the centres has just begun and there is plenty of room for more ambition, expansion of activities and leapfrogging to new innovative areas and solutions. The 5th GN-SEC meeting is also taking place in the context of new funding opportunities in the energy and climate space (e.g. EU, GEF, GCF, Adaptation Fund, etc.).

4. Objectives of the meeting

The 5th GN-SEC SC meeting will provide updates on the individual, south-south and triangular activities of the centres and create a “makerspace” for new initiatives, projects, events and activities. Moreover, it will review the proposed project document of the GN-SEC platform and provides concrete inputs for an annual work plan. Based on demand, working groups on specific topics or initiatives will be created. Partnerships with other UNIDO departments and external partners on joint initiatives will be discussed.

4.1. Purpose:

- Reconnect and strengthen the common GN-SEC identity
- Provide updates on the status and activity portfolio of the individual centers

- Provide updates on south-south and triangular GN-SEC projects, activities and events
- Review and validate the GN-SEC project document
- Reach agreement on an annual work plan for joint GN-SEC activities
- Identify new funding opportunities

4.2. Results:

- Validated project document and annual work plan of the GN-SEC platform;
- Better overview on the status of individual centers, as well as respective regional sustainable energy processes;
- Establishment of working groups on joint priority issues, solutions, projects or initiatives;
- Exchange of case studies, best practices, failures and lessons learned from processes, programs and projects in various regions;
- Better understanding of the benefits, opportunities, costs and associated risks of sub-regional cooperation/integration processes in the area of renewable energy and energy efficiency;
- New funding opportunities identified

5. Organization

The meeting is being organised by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) with support of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs (BMeiA), the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Spanish Government.

6. Participants

- Directors and experts from the GN-SEC centers;
- Directors and staff from UNIDO
- External partners (e.g. SIDS DOCK, IAEA, GWNET, REEEP)

7. Documents and Requirements

Participants will be provided with the agenda prior to the meeting, as well as the background documents, as per UNIDO rules and procedures.

8. Date and Venue

The 5th Steering Committee Meeting of the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC), is planned to be held at the Vienna International Centre, from 5 to 8 September 2022. The meeting will be combined with a BLOOM excursion to the Green Tech Cluster Styria on 7th September. The GN-SEC experts can choose if they participate in the study tour or they conduct bilateral meetings with partners in Vienna (e.g. UNIDO, ADA, IAEA, OPEC Fund). For further details, please refer to the draft meeting schedule in Annex II below.

9. Financial and Administrative Arrangements for Sponsored Participants

Financial and administrative arrangements for the sponsored participants will be made in accordance with UNIDO's rules and regulations. UNIDO will provide each sponsored participant with the following:

9.1. Travel

Round trip, economy class air transportation for the most direct and economical route from the closest airport of the participants' hometown and Vienna, in accordance with UNIDO's Financial Regulations.

The procedure is as follows and needs to be strictly adhered to by the participant: UNIDO will make the appropriate travel arrangements for issuance of an electronic ticket by UNIDO's travel agent in Vienna - Carlson Wagonlit, and will communicate the changes to you.

Sponsored participants are requested to leave their home countries in time to arrive in Vienna, no earlier than 4 September 2022, and to depart no later than the evening of 9 September 2022, or as close to that date as the airline schedule permits. UNIDO cannot assume financial responsibilities for earlier arrivals / later departures for personal reasons.

Please note that no tickets should be purchased by sponsored participants. The participants shall cover any additional costs incurred upon deviations from the authorized route.

9.2. Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

A lump sum of Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) of euro € 250 per day will be paid to cover the board and lodging for the purpose of attendance at the meeting Austria, based on the air ticket approved by UNIDO's Travel Unit.

In accordance with UNIDO Rules and Regulations the DSA is paid from the date of the arrival, for the period of the attendance at the meeting and for the nights of stay, in accordance with the flight schedule. Private extension of stay in Vienna will not be covered by UNIDO.

One additional lump sum DSA of euro € 250 will be paid as a contribution towards the expenses incidental to the travel abroad, including Visa fees. The total amount of DSA will be paid in Euros to each sponsored participant at Bank Austria¹. Please ensure that you have your passport/identification card and boarding pass ready to receive your DSA. This DSA is expected to cover all accommodation, food, local transport and other expenses of the participant.

¹ The Bank Austria office is located at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), the same premises where UNIDO has its headquarters, alongside other international organizations. Sponsored participants will be given proper guidance on how to reach the Bank Austria office, once they are at the VIC.

9.3. UNIDO Limitations

UNIDO will not assume responsibility for the following expenditures:

- a) Costs incurred by the participants with respect to travel insurance, accidental insurance, medical bills and hospitalization fees, (including COVID-19), in connection with their attendance of the meeting;
- b) Compensation in the event of death, disability or illness of the participants in connection with their attendance of the meeting;
- c) Loss or damage of personal property of the participants while attending the meeting;
- d) Purchase of personal belongings and compensations in the event of damage caused by them by climatic or other conditions;
- e) Travel and any other costs incurred by dependents who might accompany the participants;
- f) Incidental costs incurred in home country in connection with travel abroad, such as costs of passport, visas, inoculations or travel to and from the airport in the home country;
- g) Purchase of personal belongings and compensations in the event of damage caused by climatic or other conditions;
- h) Compensation for salaries and any related allowance/social benefits during period of the event and associated travel times;
- i) Other unforeseen expenditures.

10. Visa Arrangements COVID-19 Inoculation Arrangements

Before leaving the home country, participants should complete all formalities regarding entry and transit visas, which they may require for the journey to Vienna. Participants are asked to contact the nearest Embassy of Austria as soon as possible. The visa process may require at least three weeks. In the absence of an Embassy in the home country, participants are advised to contact UNIDO to assist them with obtaining their visa.

Upon leaving their home country the participants should ensure to be fully COVID-19 vaccinated. A 3rd booster vaccination and one regular PCR test before arrival to Vienna are strongly recommended. During the meetings, participants should please continue to observe the usual COVID-19 prevention hygiene and behavioural rules (regular hand washing/disinfection, etc.). Particularly, wearing a face mask in public areas at Vienna International Centre and at all the relevant study tour events is recommended.

11. Hotel Reservation

All sponsored participants are kindly requested to make their own arrangements with regards to hotel reservations. Please refer to the hotels suggested in Annex V below.

12. Enquiries and Correspondence

The programme will be coordinated under the overall supervision of UNIDO's Director, Department of Energy. Specific enquiries and correspondences prior to the workshop should be addressed to the following contacts:

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Annex I: Provisional List of sponsored participants by UNIDO

No.	Institution	Participants	Function
1	CCREEE	Mr. Gary Jackson	Executive Director, CCREEE
2	CCREEE	Ms. Cherri-Ann Farquharson	Knowledge Management and Capacity Development Expert
3	CEREEAC	TBC	TBC
4	EACREEE	Mr. Canon Goddy Muhanguzi Muhumuza	Interim Executive Director, EACREEE
5	EACREEE	Mr. Denis Ariho	Lead Technical Expert-EELA Project
6	ECO-CECECO	Mr. Rovshan Mirzayev	Director of Energy, Minerals and Environment, ECO
7	ECREEE	Mr. Jean Francis Sempore	New Executive Director, ECREEE
8	ECREEE	Ms. Adeola Adebiyi	Sustainable Energy Expert, ECREEE
9	PCREEE	Mr. Solomon Fifita	Executive Manager, PCREEE
10	SPC / PCREEE	Mr. Akuila Tawake	Deputy Director, GEM Division of SPC
11	RCREEE	Mr. Jauad Elkharraz	Executive Director, RCREEE
12	REEECH	Mr. Avishek Malla	Energy Specialist, REEECH
13	REEECH	Mr. Mewang Gyeltshen	Programme Coordinator, REEECH
14	SACREEE	Mr. Kuda Ndhlukula	Executive Director, SACREEE
15	SACREEE	Mr. Readlay Makaliki	Technical Lead, Energy Efficiency
16	SICREEE	Ms. Alexandra Arias Alvarado	Expert on RE&EE
17	SIDS DOCK	Mr. Albert Binger	Secretary-General

Please kindly note that the list only includes GN-SEC experts sponsored by UNIDO. Other GN-SEC experts are invited to join the meeting physically (costs to be covered by the centres) or by online means.

Annex II: Draft Meeting Schedule



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5 September 2022 – The 5th GN-SEC Steering Committee Meeting

08:30	Registration at the UN Security, Gate 1 of the Vienna International Centre, Vienna
Time	Opening session
09:00	<p><u>Welcome remarks:</u> Director General, UNIDO (tbc) Austrian Minister of European and International Affairs (tbc) Managing Director, Austrian Development Agency (tbc) Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga (tbc) Deputy Secretary General of ECO</p> <p><u>Setting the stage:</u> Mr. Tareq Emtairah, Director, Department of Energy, UNIDO</p>
09:25	Group photo
Time	Session I: Introduction and meeting objectives
09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the GN-SEC team - Roll Call & Introduction of new members - Presentation and adoption of meeting agenda and objectives - Adoption of the shared minutes of the 4th GN-SEC meeting - Information on the meeting logistics, Ms. Mary Bindu, UNIDO
Time	Session II: Looking back and going forward
10:00	<p>GN-SEC achievements during the COVID-19 pandemic and next milestones, (20 min), Mr. Martin Lugmayr, GN-SEC Coordinator, UNIDO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status of the GN-SEC network and highlights 2020 to 2022 - Status of joint GN-SEC initiatives - Annual work plan for GN-SEC platform activities - AOB
10:20	Discussion, moderated by Mr. Manfred Bürstmayr, ADA
10:40	Coffee Break
Time	Session III: Introduction and meeting objectives
11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sub-Saharan Africa and the Arab regions: Individual presentations of RCREEE, ECREEE, SACREEE, EACREEE, CEREEAC (max. 10 minutes each), group coordinated by Ms. Otalia Sacko (UNIDO)
11:50	Discussion, moderated by CCREEE
12:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asia/Pacific: PCREEE, REEECH, CECECO, ASEAN (max. 10 minutes each), group coordinated by Mr. Gentjan Sema (UNIDO)
12:50	Discussion, moderated by SICREEE
13:10	Lunch break at VIC
14:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Latin America/Caribbean: SICREEE, CCREEE, OLADE (max. 10 minutes each), group coordinated by Ms. Andrea Eras Almeida (UNIDO)
14:40	Discussion, moderated by PCREEE

Time	Session IV: Presentation and validation of the GN-SEC platform project
15:00	<p>Presentation and discussion of the GN-SEC Platform project document, Mr. Martin Lugmayr, UNIDO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mission, vision and theory of change - Key functions and services - Outcomes, outputs and activities - Budget - Governance
15:20	Discussion moderated by RCREEE
Time	Session V: Updates on joint GN-SEC initiatives
15:50	<p>Presentations on ongoing GN-SEC activities (max. 7 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EELA project, regional energy efficiency standards and online training, Ms. Karin Reiss, UNIDO, ECREEE, EACREEE, SACREEE - STAR-C project in partnership with ISA and France, by ISA and UNIDO, Ms. Andrea Eras Almeida and Alvin Tepo Togba - GEF project strengthening the capacities of the LDC Group on Climate Change, LDC Group Chair and Ms. Otaia Sacko, UNIDO - GN-SEC gender network and program, by Ms. Christine Lins (GWNENET), Ms. Otaia Sacko and Ms. Katharina Proestler (UNIDO)
16:40	Discussion moderated by ECREEE
17:00	Coffee Break
Time	Session VI: Updates on joint GN-SEC initiatives
17:15	<p>Presentations on ongoing GN-SEC activities (7 minutes maximum each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnership possibilities with PRO/FIN – next phase, Mr. Aymen Ahmed and Mr. Jochen Kraus, UNIDO - Global Ocean Energy Alliance for SIDS and LDCs, Mr. Al Binger, SIDS DOCK, Mr. Martin Lugmayr, UNIDO - GN-SEC Capacity Building Program on Sustainable Energy Solutions for Islands, by UNIDO, SIDS DOCK, CIEMAT - IEA SHC cooperation and future membership, IEA/UNIDO, Mr. Gentjan Sema - Partnership with the Private Finance Advisory Network (PFAN), Mr. Patrick Nussbaumer (UNIDO)
	Discussion moderated by EACREEE
Time	Closing Session
18:10	Final remarks

6 September 2022 – The 5th GN-SEC Steering Committee Meeting

Time	Opening session
09:00	Welcome
Time	Session VII: Partnership possibilities with UNIDO Energy and Environment
09:05	<p>Presentations (max 7 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UNIDO Energy Program, Ms. Rana Ghoneim • Partnership possibilities with the Global Clean Tech Programme (GCIP), Mr. Alois Mhalanga • Partnership possibilities with the Vienna Energy Forum (VEF), Ms. Anna Stanczyk • Partnership possibilities with the Industrial Energy Efficiency Accelerator • Partnership possibilities UNIDO Bioenergy Program, Mr. Jossy Thomas,
10:00	Discussion, moderated by REEECH
10:20	Coffee Break
Time	Session VIII: Potential GN-SEC Activities with other UNIDO Departments
10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The UNIDO Environment and Circular Economy Program, Mr. Stephan Sicars - Partnership possibilities with DTI - Partnership possibilities with Agrobusiness - Others
11:40	Discussion, moderated by CECECO/ECO
Time	Working session on the Regional BLOOM Cluster Program
12:00 to 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Barbados Bloom Cluster, Mr. Jari Aaltonen (UNIDO), Mr. Terrel Thompson (BIDC), (15 min) - Pitch by three BLOOM start-ups (5 min each) - The Regional BLOOM Cluster Approach, Mr. Martin Lugmayr, UNIDO, (10 min) - Introduction to the clean tech cluster study tour - Discussion on the way forward moderated by SICREEE
13:00	Lunch break at VIC
Time	Working session on the Global Program on Green Hydrogen in Industry
14:00 to 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the program, Ms. Petra Schwager, UNIDO - Partnership possibilities with the Hydrogen Centre in China, Mr. Heng Liu, UNIDO - GN-SEC experiences so far - Discussion on the way forward moderated by SACREEE
Time	Working session on the International Small Hydro Power Guidelines and Service Packages
15:00 to 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the SHP Guidelines and Service Packages, Mr. Heng Liu, UNIDO - REEECH SHP approach - GN-SEC experiences so far - Discussion on the way forward moderated by CCREEE
16:00	Coffee Break

	Working session on Partnership possibilities with the Austrian Development Agency (ADA)
16:20 to 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of ADA partnership possibilities - GN-SEC experiences so far - Discussion on the way forward moderated by PCREEE
Time	Working session on Electric Mobility and Integrated Power Systems
17:00 to 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Andrew Campell and Mr. Gentjan Sema, UNIDO - The UNIDO EV Program - GN-SEC experiences so far (e.g. PCREEE, CCREEE, ECREEE, REEECH, RCREEE) - Discussion on the way forward moderated by RCREEE
Time	Closing Session
18:00	Final remarks and logistics for the study tour

GN-SEC experts are invited to join the BLOOM excursion to the Clean Tech Cluster in Styria on 7 September. Experts from Barbados and Bhutan will join the tour. Alternatively, there is the possibility to hold relevant meetings with partners in Vienna Energy Club on the same day (e.g. UNIDO, ADA, IAEA, REEEP, OPEC Fund, etc.).

UNIDO Delegation Visit in Graz

Graz, 07. September 2022

Buses departing 6am from Vienna

Draft Agenda:

Wednesday 7th September

Possible visiting program

08:30 – 10:00 **BEST Bioenergy and sustainable technologies**, www.best-research.eu/en/home
www.greentech.at/en/firmen/best-bioenergy-and-sustainable-technologies-gmbh/
Centre of excellence for technologies in the field of bioenergy research and development in close cooperation with industry and scientific institutions.
Presentation about BEST and tour in the technicum and laboratories.

Administrative contact: Claudia Peternell

Scientific contact: Walter Haslinger, CEO

(Inffeldgasse 21b, 8010 Graz)

10:30 – 12:00 HyCentA Research GmbH, www.hycenta.at/en/#
www.greentech.at/en/firmen/hycenta-research-gmbh/
Austrian Research Center on hydrogen testing and delivery center with high-tech infrastructure and high scientific and economic potential.

Contact: Alexander Trattner, CEO

(Inffeldgasse 15, 8010 Graz)

12:00 – 13:30 Lunchtime

13:30 – 15:30 SOLID, Solar District Heating entry point and Solar Thermal Test Field

<https://solid.at/en/>

S.O.L.I.D. is an Austrian solar engineering company specializing in all aspects of large-scale solar thermal energy plants. Since 1992, S.O.L.I.D. has been planning, building, delivering, assembling and operating large-scale solar plants around the world, providing hot water, room heating, industrial process heat and district heating for towns and villages. SOLID also designs and builds solar chilled water plants, including the largest commercial solar cooling projects currently in operating

<https://solid.at/en/reference/digicel.html> (Reference in Jamaica)

More references here: <https://solid.at/en/success-stories.html>

Contact: Christian Holter, c.holter@solid.at, (Founder and Managing Director)

(Puchstraße, 8020 Graz)

16:00 – 17:00 Green Tech Cluster, Bernhard Puttinger, Cluster Strategy, Cluster development basics, history and current strategies and services

Discussions and Questions

www.greentech.at/en

(Wagner-Biro-Straße 100, 8020 Graz, 1st floor)

Possibly also visit at the Green Tech Hub, Startup Hub in the Science Tower in cooperation with the City of Graz.

<https://www.greentechhub.at/>

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Time	Opening session
Time	Working session on Industrial Energy Efficiency/Decarbonization and Standards
09:00-10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnership possibilities, Ms. Karin Reiss, UNIDO - GN-SEC Experiences so far - Discussion on the way forward moderated by REEECH
Time	Working session on the GN-SEC gender and youth network
10:00-11:00	<p>Presentations on (5 minutes maximum each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background: What is the gender-energy nexus? Actions needed (tbc: speaker from ENERGIA/SIDS DOCK, or another partner that is based in Vienna) - Way forward: How can gender dimensions be integrated into energy programmes and projects? (e.g. UNIDO gender office) - Gender Energy Compact, Ms. Katharina Proestler - Gender initiatives: experiences from ECREEE – ECREEE (tbc) - Working groups (3-5 persons per group): Activity for the participants to develop a gender and youth strategy and action plan for their centres including an annual workplan within the partnership with GWNET - Presentation of each group (3 min each group) - Discussion on the way forward moderated by EACREEE
11:00	Coffee Break
Time	Working session of the LDC Group on Climate Change
11:20-12:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the work plan of the LDC group - Partnership possibilities with the GN-SEC - Preparation of COP27 - Discussion on the way forward moderated by ECREEE
12:20	Lunch
Time	Working session with the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and STAR C
13:20-14:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of cooperative opportunities - Partnership possibilities with the GN-SEC - Discussion on the way forward moderated by PCREEE
Time	Working session on integrated resource and resilience planning (facilitated by CCREEE)
14:20-15:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the IRPFs and potential planning support for other centres - Partnership possibilities with the GN-SEC - Discussion on the way forward moderated by CCREEE
15:20	Coffee Break
Time	Working session on support of the OPEC Fund
15:40-16:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of funding opportunities - Partnership possibilities with the GN-SEC - Discussion on the way forward moderated by RCREEE

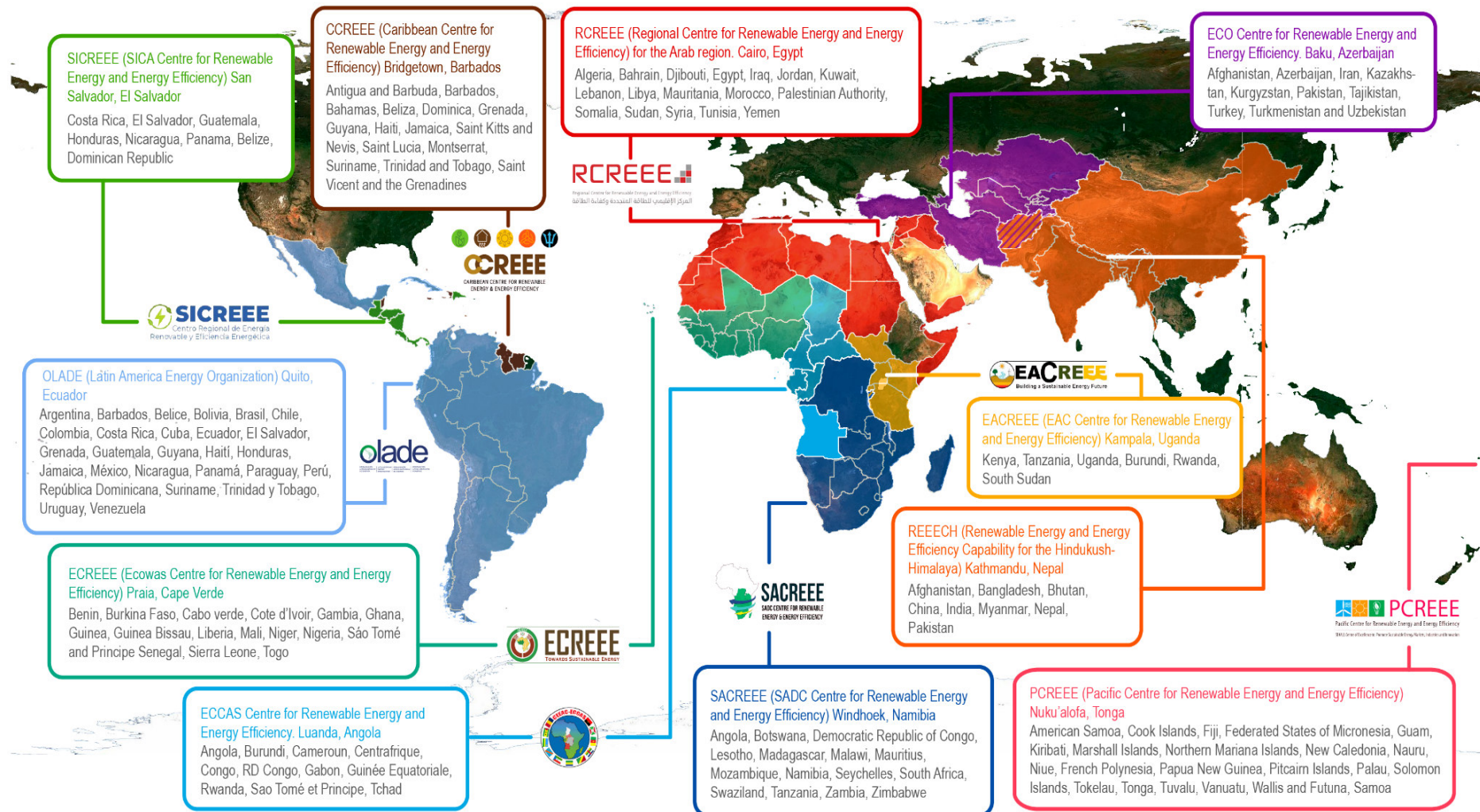
Time	Working session on green skills with the Global Forum on Sustainable Energy (GFSE)
16:40-17:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnership possibilities with the GN-SEC - Discussion on the way forward moderated by CECECO/ECO
Time	Closing session
17:40	Closing remarks

Note: The agenda is just a draft version. Please do not hesitate to propose further working sessions or changes regarding speaking roles or presentations. Please do not hesitate to contact us by: info@gn-sec.net

Funding partners:



GN-SEC Map:



Annex III: Transportation

Transport From/To Vienna Airport

Vienna Airport is well connected to the public transportation network and can be reached quickly, comfortably and cheaply by train or bus. <https://www.wien.info/en/travel-info/to-and-around/airport-to-center>.

- **ÖBB Railjet (recommended option)**

The Railjets of Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) run non-stop, every 30 minutes from Vienna Airport to Vienna Main Station (U1) in 16 minutes. The ticket costs €4.30 (= €1.90 for the ticket from the airport to the Vienna city limits + €2.40 for the ticket within the Vienna urban area) and is available from ÖBB ticket machines or ÖBB ticket counters.

- **Express train S7**

Rapid transit railway line S7 departs the airport every 30 minutes and stops at the centrally located stations of Wien Mitte (takes 25 minutes) and Wien Praterstern (takes about half an hour). The ticket costs €4.30 (= €1.90 for the ticket from the airport to the Vienna city limits + €2.40 for the ticket within the Vienna urban area) and is available from ÖBB ticket machines or ÖBB ticket counters.

- **Bus connections**

The buses of Vienna Airport Lines take you direct to Vienna city center, to the Donauzentrum via Messezentrum and Vienna International Centre (VIC)/Austria Center Vienna, or to the Westbahnhof and Vienna Main Station. The ticket costs €9 and can be bought online at www.viennaairportlines.at, directly from the bus driver (cash payment) or from the ticket machines of Vienna Airport Lines at Vienna Airport.

Purchasing Tickets for Public Transportation

The tickets can be purchased at multilingual ticket machines (subway stations), all *advance sales points* and the *online shop* of the Vienna Lines, most tobacco shops and *Mobile phone ticket*. The tickets are valid in all trams, buses and subways of Vienna Transport Authority (i.e. within the city of Vienna). Each stamped single ticket is valid up to the destination, including multiple transfers <https://www.wien.info/en/travel-info/transport/tickets-361360>. Various tickets are available:

Single ticket: € 2.40 (Children € 1.20)

24-hour Vienna ticket: € 8.00

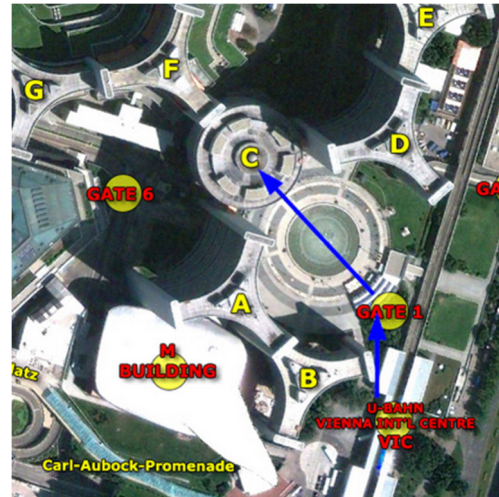
48-hour Vienna ticket: € 14,10

72-hour Vienna ticket: € 17.10

Vienna weekly ticket (valid from Monday to Monday at 9.00 am): € 17,10

Annex IV: Vienna International Centre (VIC)

More than 190 nations work together at the Vienna International Centre (VIC) - also known as 'UNO City' - to promote peace, sustainable development and human rights across the globe. The VIC accommodates the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV), the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO PrepCom), the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP), and other smaller United Nations entities. The Vienna International Centre (VIC) has a gross area of approximately 379,000 square meters. It has two conference (namely, Buildings C and M) and 6 Y-shaped buildings (namely, Buildings A, B and D to G). The VIC also has an annex building (J) and various checkpoint buildings. The VIC has a Child Care Centre, Commissary, Housing Services, Language Training centres, travel agencies, banks, Austrian post office, newspapers facility, laundry services, offices of various insurance companies, office of Vienna Services (City of Vienna) and Catering Services.



How to Reach the VIC

The VIC is located in Vienna's Donaustadt area across the Danube, just ten minutes from the city centre by U-Bahn.

The street address is Wagramer Strasse 5, 1220 Vienna, Austria, with the Visitors Entrance located right next to the "Kaisermühlen/Vienna International Centre" U-Bahn stop.

We recommend the use of public transportation.

- **By Underground/Subway**

Plan your journey to "UNO City" with Wiener Linien.

Take the red U1 "U-Bahn" underground/subway line in the direction Leopoldau. Get off at the stop "Kaisermühlen/Vienna International Centre". Exit at the back of the train and proceed to the VIC main entrance (Gate 1) directly next to the station.

Gate 1

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
pedestrian entrance and exit only.





- **By bus**

Buses may stop in the side street of Wagramer Straße 5.

Security check and registration

All sponsored participants should please **consider a minimum of 20 minutes to complete their security check** at Gate 1 and obtain entry badges. After entering the VIC at Gate 1 you will go through a security screening. Past security you will find a registration desk to your right. Here you will receive your entry badges upon showing your passports.

DSA Collection and Banking Services

Sponsored participants are requested to present themselves with a valid ID card at Bank Austria in the VIC, to collect their DSA. **The office is located in building C (level 1, C0113).** To get to C1, cross the plaza and enter C building as indicated by the blue arrows on the map above. Take an elevator to the 1st floor. C1 is indicated via signs.

The bank opening hours are 9:00–15:00 (17:30 on Thursdays). ATM machines ("Bankomat") are available on C0113 and on DOE71. Can be reached by telephone: +43(0)50505-30200 and email: vic@ba-ca.com.

In case you need assistance, please call:

Mr. Lukas Kaehn: (Office): +43/(0)1 26026 5183, (WhatsApp): +49 15737277152

Ms. Mary Bindu Palacherril: (Office): +43/(0)1 26026 5062, (WhatsApp): +91 75101602

Services in the VIC and General Information

VIC Catering Service

The VIC Catering Service operates the Cafeteria, Coffee Corner, Restaurant, Cocktail Lounge and Delegates Lounges. In Addition, the VIC Catering Service provides a number of other services for functions/receptions, available exclusively to international organizations based in the VIC, their staff and diplomatic missions accredited to them or other entities connected with the International Organizations.

The VIC Cafeteria is located on the ground floor of building F and offers a variety of hot and cold dishes, snacks and drinks. Opening hours are 7:30–10:00 and 11:30–14:30. The Coffee Corner in the VIC Cafeteria is open during 7:30–15:30.

The VIC Restaurant is located on the ground floor of building F. Opening hours are 11:30–15:00. Table reservations can be made during 10:00–11:30 at (+43 1 26026) 4877.

Delegate lounges are available at C07 and M0E and is open during 09:00–16:30.

Medical Services

The VIC Medical Service is located on the 7th floor of building F (F07). Opening hours are 8:30–17:30. Except for emergencies, call: +43 1 2600 22223. Emergencies, however, are dealt with at any time during regular office hours. **In case of emergency, dial 22222.**

The Pharmacy Service in the Vienna International Centre is run by the Maria Lourdes Apotheke, a licensed Austrian pharmacy. It is located on the 7th floor of building F (F0715) and sells over-the-counter and prescription drugs. Opening hours are 10:00 – 17:00.

Annex V: List of Selected Hotels in Vienna

Please note that the hotels are enlisted based on their vicinity/accessibility to the VIC/UNIDO premises and on the preferential rates they provide.



Hotels which offer special UN/UNIDO rates

- Subject to direct reservation with hotels
- All rates include taxes, services and breakfast, unless otherwise indicated.
- All rates are subject to change



ARCOTEL Kaiserwasser *****

U1/Vienna International Centre, opposite VIC

Address: Wagramerstrasse 8, 1220 Vienna

Tel: + (43-1) 52165 813, Fax: + (43-1) 52165 810

E-mail: reservation.kaiserwasser@arcotel.at, Internet: www.arcotel.at/kassierwasser

Single/double room: EUR 159/179 including breakfast including service and taxes



Ibis Wien Hauptbahnhof (Accor Hotel)

U1/Südtiroler Platz

Address: Canettistrasse 8, Garage Karl Popper Str 4, 1100 Vienna

E-mail: h8564@accor.com, Internet: <https://all.accor.com/hotel/8564/index.de.shtml>

Double room for single use: 89.00 EUR including breakfast



Hotel Post ***

U1 Schwedenplatz

Address: Fleischmarkt 24, 1010 Vienna

Tel: + (43-1) 515 83-0, Fax: + (43-1) 515 83 808

E-mail: office@hotel-post-wien.at, Internet: www.hotel-post-wien.at

Single room: EUR 159, Double room: EUR 189 including breakfast



Hotel Kärntnerhof ***

U1/Stephandplatz or U1/4 Schwedenplatz

Address: Grashofgasse 4, 1010 Vienna

Tel: + (43-1) 512 19 23, Fax: + (43-1) 513 22 28-33

E-mail: info@karntnerhof.com, Internet: www.karntnerhof.com

Single room: EUR 122, Double room: EUR 205-220

Rates are per room, per night, incl. breakfast, service and taxes