

# EWG Energy Connectivity: ToR and Work Programme

# Commission Resolution (73/8) on Strengthening regional cooperation for sustainable energy development in Asia and the Pacific

“...decides to create two expert working groups on energy connectivity and on universal access to modern energy services, renewable energy, energy efficiency and cleaner use of fossil fuels

Stresses that the above-mentioned expert working groups take advantage of and build upon the existing knowledge, information and policy research and closely coordinate with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to avoid, to the extent possible, duplication of work while making further studies, and that the concrete focus areas should be further discussed during 2017 among members and associate members;

Emphasizes that the Executive Secretary utilize the outputs of the expert working groups in preparing reports for the intergovernmental discussions at the Committee on Energy and the second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum, as appropriate;”

# Terms of Reference

- ▶ Objective: To provide expert input to the intergovernmental discussions at the Committee on Energy and the Second APEF
- ▶ Membership: Experts nominated by their member States become members of the WG beyond the individual meetings. Maximum of 2 experts per member State.
- ▶ Meetings: The EWG will meet on a recurring basis, e.g. once per calendar year.
- ▶ Interactions: In addition to the meetings, the EWG could interact remotely, e.g. by email exchange or teleconferencing

## Terms of Reference (continued)

- ▶ **Chair:** The Chair will be selected during Committee sessions. The Chair is responsible for facilitating the discussions of the EWG through meetings and on-line discussion until the subsequent Committee session. The ESCAP secretariat will support the Chair in this task. For the first session of the EWG, the secretariat held informal consultation with member States in identifying the Chair.
- ▶ **Reporting:** The outputs of the EWG's analyses and deliberations would inform the secretariat's reports for the Committee on Energy and the Second APEF. It is suggested that this output would be captured by a Report of the EWG on Energy Connectivity.

# Work Programme

- ▶ The initial focus of the EWG could be to work towards supporting the drafting-process of a Regional Roadmap on Cross-Border Electricity Connectivity.
- ▶ To support this effort, the EWG could solicit background studies from partner organizations. These studies would be reviewed by the EWG and would function as input for its discussions.

# Scope of work

- (a) Examine issues related to national, subregional and regional policy Frameworks and identify specific economic, institutional and regulatory measures in order to facilitate the region's transition to a more sustainable energy future;
- (b) Conduct a study on electricity demand growth and identify scenarios in meeting the future demand (up to 2050).
- (c) Identify mutual economic, social and environmental benefits that cross-border electricity connectivity could bring.
- (d) Prepare comprehensive regional studies on the current state of and future prospects for selected areas of work with a view to identifying issues and challenges that could be addressed through regional cooperation;
- (e) Explore opportunities to enhance cooperation with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the business community and private sector by preparing joint studies and participating in joint events, such as surveys, seminars and workshops;
- (f) Provide the secretariat with advice in the implementation of the subprogramme on energy, including the formulation and implementation of capacity-building and technical cooperation in the region;
- (g) Examine and discuss any other issue recommended to them by the secretariat or requested by the Committee.

## Scope of work (continued)

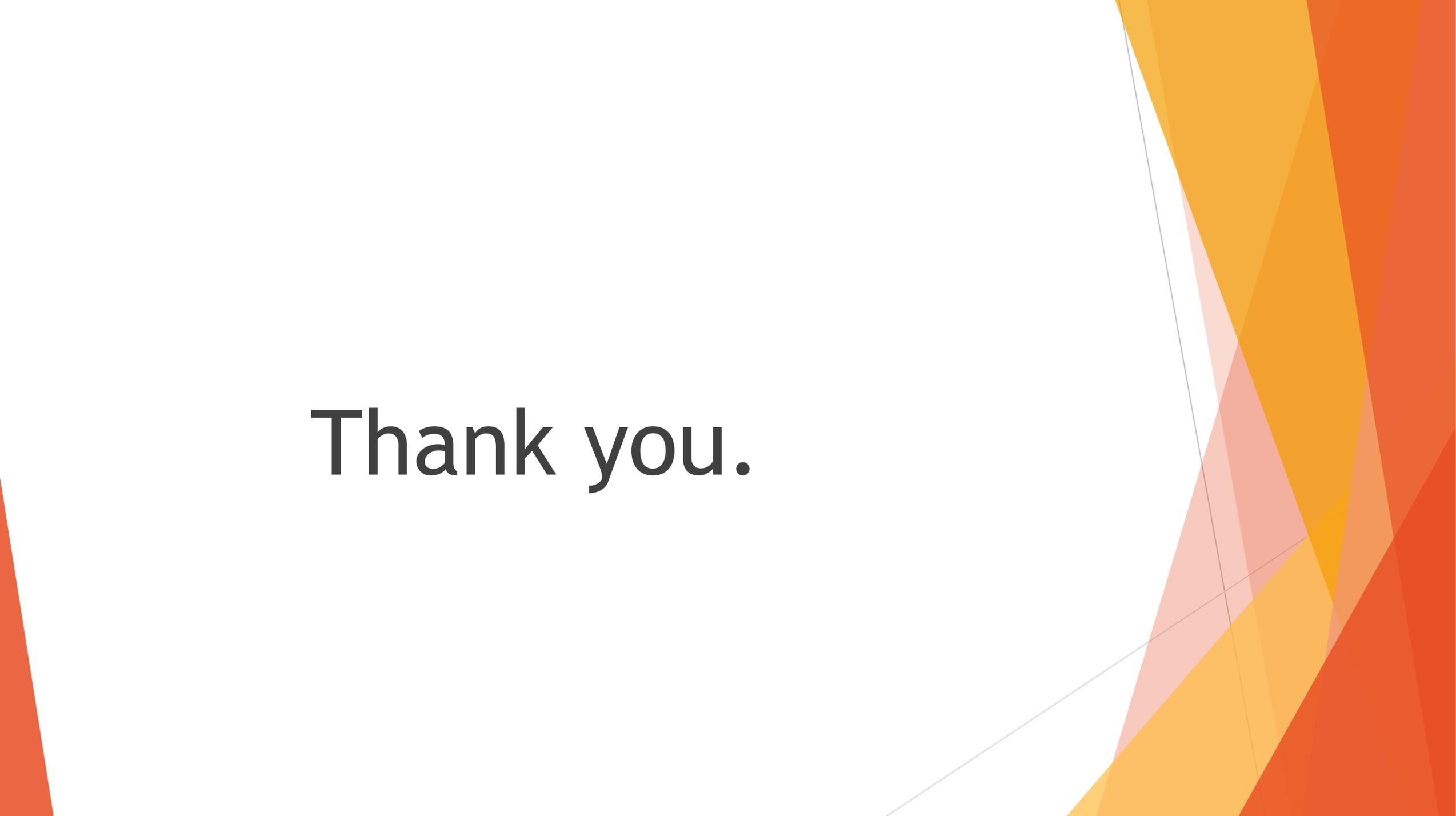
- (h) Advise the secretariat, where appropriate, in the formulation and implementation of capacity building and technical cooperation activities on energy connectivity in the region.
- (i) Explore opportunities to enhance cooperation with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the business community/private sector by preparing joint studies and participating in joint events, such as surveys, seminars and workshops.
- (j) Provide the secretariat with advice in the implementation of the subprogramme on energy connectivity

# Work Programme (continued)

## Timeline

Today	First EWG Meeting
Late 2018	Second EWG Meeting to review background studies
Early 2019	Third EWG Meeting to review the regional roadmap
Late 2019	Second Energy Committee
2020	

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