High-level International Conference
“Energy Security and Sustainability – the OSCE Perspective”

Organized under the auspices of the Ukraine’s OSCE Chairmanship and the Government of Turkmenistan

Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
17-18 October 2013

Venue: to be confirmed

DRAFT WORKING AGENDA

Thursday, 17 October 2013

15:00   Registration

15:30 -16:05   Opening Session

Welcome and Introduction

Moderator:  Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitgüden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Welcome Addresses by:

H.E. Leonid Kozhara, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

H.E. Rashid Meredov, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan

H.E. Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General

16:05-18:45   General Statements by High-level Representatives

19.00   Welcome reception (President Hotel) (tbc)
Friday, 18 October 2013

10:00-11:30  Session 1. Ensuring the necessary conditions for the development of the energy sector; strengthening regional energy cooperation (security of supply and demand side management)

Suggested topics:

- Resource management and cooperation between States and energy companies;
- Promoting transparency in the energy markets, and good public and corporate governance in the OSCE context;
- Improving the investment climate in the energy sector;
- Enhancing co-operation between supplying, transiting and consuming countries at regional and international levels;
- Promoting energy markets’ diversity.

11.30-12.00  Coffee break

12:00-13:30  Session 2. The security and reliability of energy transport and the reliability of energy infrastructures (in support of the resolutions on ‘Reliable and Stable Transit of Energy and its Role in Ensuring Sustainable Development and International Cooperation’ adopted at the 63rd and 67th sessions of the UNGA)

Suggested topics:

- Further actions in supporting UNGA Resolutions 63/210 and 67/263;
- European vector of energy cooperation;
- Ensuring security, reliability and efficiency of energy infrastructures and energy transit areas;
- Cooperation between governments and transmission system operators (TSO).

13:30-15:00  Lunch
15:00-16:30 Session 3. Promotion of sustainable energy solutions, energy savings and energy efficiency

Suggested topics:

- Strategies for renewable energy resources’ development;
- Overcoming potential threats to energy security in the OSCE area;
- Facilitating energy efficiency, including the IEA roadmaps on energy efficiency recommendations: role of governments and international organizations;
- Promoting technology innovations.

16:30-17:00 Coffee break

17:00-18:00 Closing session

- Conference summary;
- Closing statements by the representatives of Ukraine’s OSCE Chairmanship and the Government of Turkmenistan.