

Thirty-first meeting of the Council  
Abu Dhabi, 21-22 May 2026

## Annotated Provisional Agenda

### 1. Opening of the meeting

The opening of the thirty-first meeting of the Council will take place in a hybrid format on 21 May 2026, commencing at 10.00am Gulf Standard Time (GST). The United Arab Emirates, as Chair of the additional meeting of the Council, will open the meeting.

### 2. Organisation of work

#### a. Election of officials

Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council (RoP), contained in document A/5/5, the Council shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair, having due regard to equitable geographical representation.

At the end of its additional meeting in January 2026, the Council designated the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as Chair, and Togo as Vice-Chair, of the thirty-first meeting of the Council.

**The Council may wish to confirm the designations made and elect the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as Chair, and Togo as Vice-Chair, of the thirty-first meeting of the Council.**

**The Chair may wish to appoint a Rapporteur.**

#### b. Adoption of the agenda (C/31/L.1)

Pursuant to Rule 9 of the RoP, the Council shall adopt the agenda for a meeting at the beginning of that meeting. The Council will have before it the provisional agenda (C/31/L.1).

**The Council may wish to consider and adopt the provisional agenda.**

### 3. Progress Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2026-2027 (C/31/2; C/31/3)

Pursuant to Article X.F.4 of the IRENA Statute and Assembly decision A/3/DC/12, the Council shall consider and submit to the Assembly annual reports concerning the activities of the Agency.

The Council will have before it the Progress Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2026-2027 (C/31/2). The Council will also have before it the Report of the Director-General on Work Programme and Budget 2026-2027: Contingency Implementation Plan (C/31/3).

The Director-General will introduce the item. The Chairs of the Administration and Finance Committee and of the Programme and Strategy Committee will report on the Committee's consideration of the item. The Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will also report on the Committee's consideration of the Report of the Director-General on Work Programme and Budget 2026-2027: Contingency Implementation Plan (C/31/3).

**The Council may wish to consider the Progress Report of the Director-General on the Implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for 2026-2027 and the Report of the Director-General on Work Programme and Budget 2026-2027: Contingency Implementation Plan and provide guidance and recommendations, as appropriate.**

#### **4. Note by the Director-General on the Medium-term Strategy 2028-2032 (C/31/4)**

At its sixth session, the Assembly decided that the discussions on the next Medium-term Strategy (MTS) should be integrated into regular Council meetings to enable a sustained and inclusive framework for engagement.

In keeping with the approach of the MTS 2023-2027, the sixteenth session of the Assembly agreed on the creation of a Working Team comprising interested Members to guide and support the development of the Medium-term Strategy 2028-2032.

On **26 February 2026**, the Chair of the Council, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) invited IRENA Members to submit their expressions of interest to participate in a Member-Driven Working Group on the Medium-Term Strategy (2028–2032), by **16 March 2026**. The Council will have before it a Note by the Director-General on the Medium-term Strategy 2028-2032 (C/31/4).

The Director-General will introduce the item and the Chair of the Programme and Strategy Committee will report on the Committee's consideration of the matter.

**The Council may wish to consider the Note by the Director-General on the Medium-term Strategy 2028-2032 and provide further guidance, as appropriate.**

#### **5. Oversight Audit Committee**

At its twenty-eighth meeting, the Council identified two key governance gaps and requested the Secretariat to present regulatory changes and a governance model for enhanced audit oversight and independence, in line with best practices in similar international organisations.

At its twenty-ninth meeting, the Council took note of the Proposal for developing an Oversight Audit Committee (C/29/15) and agreed with the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee on the establishment of an independent Oversight Audit Committee reporting directly to the Council, and composed of four IRENA Members, for further development at the thirtieth Council meeting, with the view to presenting a decision on this matter at the sixteenth session of the Assembly.

At its sixteenth session, the Assembly agreed with the establishment of the Oversight Audit Committee and adopted the Decision on Establishing an Oversight Audit Committee.

On 16 February 2026, IRENA Members were invited to submit their expressions of interest to become a member of the Oversight Audit Committee by 31 March 2026.

The Council Chair will introduce the item.

**The Council may wish to appoint the members of the Oversight Audit Committee and provide guidance, as appropriate.**

## **6. Update by the Chair of the Director-General Selection Committee**

At the sixteenth session of the IRENA Assembly, the Assembly President announced the forthcoming end of the four-year term of the IRENA Director-General.

Pursuant to the addendum to document A/5/5, the Council established a Director-General Selection Committee (DGSC) from among its members to assist the Council in its task of making a recommendation for the appointment of a new Director-General to the IRENA Assembly.

To provide effective assistance to the Council, the DGSC<sup>1</sup> is requested to, among others, prepare a vacancy announcement, announce the position, review applications, interview selected candidates and present a shortlist to the Council for its consideration. The Committee is composed of eight members and four alternates, two and one, respectively, from each regional grouping. The Commonwealth of Dominica and Egypt have been appointed Committee Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

The DGSC Chair will update the Council on the activities of the Committee.

**The Council may wish to consider and take note of the Chair's update.**

## **7. Programmatic Discussion on Renewables: An energy security imperative (C/31/BN/1)**

The Secretariat will introduce the programmatic discussion on Renewables: An energy security imperative. Following the introductory remarks and presentations, delegations will be invited to make interventions on the matter.

**The Council may wish to consider and take note of the presentations and discussion.**

## **8. Programmatic Discussion on Artificial Intelligence, Emerging Technologies and Electrification for an Accelerated Energy Transition (C/31/BN/2)**

The Secretariat will introduce the programmatic discussion on Artificial Intelligence, Emerging Technologies and Electrification for an Accelerated Energy Transition. Following the introductory remarks and presentations, delegations will be invited to make interventions on the matter.

**The Council may wish to consider and take note of the presentations and discussion.**

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<sup>1</sup> The composition of the Director-General Selection Committee (DGSC) is as follows:  
Members: Commonwealth of Dominica (Chair), Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt (Vice-Chair), Germany, Japan, Kenya, United Arab Emirates.  
Alternates: El Salvador, India, Spain and Zimbabwe

**9. Administrative and Institutional matters**

**a. Report of the Director-General on Human Resources Management and Trends (C/31/5)**

At its twenty-fourth meeting, the Council requested the Secretariat to provide Human Resources trends, relating to staff turnover rate, staff retention measures and years of service, as well as other key indicators on human resources trends, as standard annual reporting to the Council.

The Council will have before it the Report of the Director-General on Human Resources Management and Trends (C/31/5). The Director-General will introduce the item and the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will inform on the Committee's consideration of the issue.

**The Council may wish to consider the matter and provide guidance, as appropriate.**

**b. Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2025 (C/31/6)**

The Council will have before it the Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2025 (C/31/6). The Secretariat will introduce the item and will also present the status of the implementation of the external audit recommendations to the Council.

The Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will inform on the Committee's consideration of the item.

**The Council may wish to consider and take note of the Audited Financial Statements of IRENA for 2025 and transmit them to the Assembly for consideration at its seventeenth session.**

**c. Report of the Ethics Advisory Board**

Pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Revised Terms of Reference for the Ethics Advisory Board (Terms of Reference, contained in A/16/15), the Ethics Advisory Board reports to the Council at each of its meetings, including on the number of consultations with the Director-General and/or the Ethics Officer in the reporting year.

**The Council may wish to consider and take note of the Report of the Ethics Advisory Board.**

**d. Proposed Rules of Procedure for the IRENA Council Disciplinary Committee (C/31/7)**

At its twenty-ninth meeting, the Council considered a Proposal on the Establishment of the IRENA Council Disciplinary Committee (C/29/12) and agreed to request the Secretariat in consultation with the Ethics Advisory Board to prepare draft Rules of Procedure for the IRENA Council Disciplinary Committee, for consideration by the Council at its thirtieth meeting.

At its thirtieth meeting, the Council took note of the interventions made by Members regarding the discussions on the proposed Rules of Procedure for the IRENA Council Disciplinary Committee.

In order to allow Members adequate time to review and consider the proposal on the Rules of Procedure for the IRENA Council Disciplinary Committee, the Assembly at its sixteenth session

agreed that Members would have 45 days to submit comments on the proposal. The Assembly further agreed that the matter would be considered by the Council at its thirty-first meeting.

On 27 March 2026, an Assembly Bureau was held to agree on an appropriate way forward regarding the proposed Rules of Procedure for the IRENA Council Disciplinary Committee. During that meeting, the Assembly Bureau agreed that the Council Chair, in consultation with the Ethics Advisory Board and the Secretariat, would discuss and make arrangements for a meeting to hold consultations on the proposed draft Rules of Procedure for the IRENA Council Disciplinary Committee, amongst others.

As a follow up to the request from the Assembly Bureau, two consultation meetings on the Proposal on the Rules of Procedure for the IRENA Council Disciplinary Committee were held on 9<sup>2</sup> April 2026 and 15<sup>3</sup> April 2026. The summary of the first consultation meetings is available at this [link](#).

The Chair of the Ethics Advisory Board (EAB) will introduce the item and the Chair of the Council will report on the outcome of the consultation meetings.

The Council will have before it the Proposed Rules of Procedure for the IRENA Council Disciplinary Committee and the draft decision of the Assembly (C/31/7).

**The Council may wish to consider the Proposed Rules of Procedure for the IRENA Council Disciplinary Committee and the draft decision on the Proposed Rules of Procedure for the IRENA Council Disciplinary Committee (C/31/7) and provide guidance and recommendations, as appropriate. The Council may wish to transmit it to the Assembly for its consideration at its seventeenth session.**

**e. Report of the Director-General on the Activities of the Internal Audit Office, and Internal Audit Recommendations and Actions Taken (C/31/8)**

Pursuant to Regulation 11.4 (b) of the Financial Regulations for IRENA (A/4/7), the Director-General shall report to the Council at each session on internal audit recommendations and actions taken.

The Council will have before it the Report of the Director-General – Activities of the Internal Audit Office, and Internal Audit Recommendations and Actions Taken (C/31/8).

The Director-General will introduce the item and the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will inform on the Committee's consideration of the report.

**The Council may wish to consider and take note of the Report of the Director-General – Activities of the Internal Audit Office, and Internal Audit Recommendations and Actions Taken.**

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<sup>2</sup> In advance of the first consultation meeting, the Secretariat prepared a background document entitled, 'Procedural background: Proposal on the Rules of Procedure for the IRENA Council Disciplinary Committee' available at this [link](#).

<sup>3</sup> In advance of the second consultation meeting, the Secretariat prepared the following documents: the revised draft RoP for the IRENA Council Disciplinary Committee ([link](#)), the legal advice on the Silence procedure ([link](#)), a comparative analysis with information on the practices of other international organizations ([link](#)), Legal advice by the Secretariat ([link](#)), and the feedback by the Ethics Advisory Board (EAB) ([link](#))

**f. 2025 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA (C/31/9)**

Pursuant to the Principles for the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA (Annex to A/1/DC/4), the Management Board shall provide an annual report on operations of the Staff Provident Fund to the Assembly within 180 days of the end of the fiscal year.

The annual report shall include financial statements that clearly show the result of operations and the financial condition of the Staff Provident Fund for the relevant year. The financial statements of the Staff Provident Fund shall be audited by the external auditors of the Agency.

The Council will have before it the 2025 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA (C/31/9). The Chair of the Provident Fund Management Board will introduce the item.

The Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee will inform on the Committee's consideration of the report.

**The Council may wish to consider and take note of the 2025 Annual Report of the Provident Fund Management Board on Operations of the Staff Provident Fund of IRENA and submit it to the Assembly for consideration at its seventeenth session.**

**g. Update by the regional facilitators – Council membership process for 2027-2028**

Pursuant to Article X.A of the IRENA Statute, the Council shall be elected for a term of two years. The procedure governing the elections to the IRENA Council is set out in Rules 69 and 70 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly (A/5/5). Members will be requested to decide on the composition of the Council for 2027-2028 at the seventeenth session of the Assembly.

At its sixteenth session, the Assembly President launched the Council membership process for 2027-2028 and requested the Vice-Presidents of the sixteenth session to facilitate consultations within their respective regional groups. The Assembly agreed on 1 April 2026 as the deadline for the submission of expressions of interest by Members wishing to serve on the Council.

As follow up, IRENA Members were invited to express their interest in Council membership for the period 2027-2028 by the deadline of 1 April 2026. Members were also invited to hold consultations on the basis of the expressions of interest received thereafter.

The Council will hear oral reports from the regional facilitators on the current status of consultations on the slates of nominated candidates for the 2027-2028 IRENA Council in their respective Group.

**The Council may wish to take note of the oral reports.**

**10. Arrangements for the thirty-second meeting of the Council**

Pursuant to Rule 1 of the RoP, the Council shall convene twice a year unless it decides otherwise. The Council shall determine at each meeting the time and place of its next regular meeting.

At its thirtieth meeting, the Council proposed to hold the thirty-second meeting of the Council for 3 days from 14 to 16 October 2026 in Abu Dhabi, with the meetings of the two Committees (AFC and PSC) to be held on 13 October 2026.

With a view to facilitating early planning, the Council will be invited to consider proposed dates for its meetings in 2027, at the thirty-second meeting.

Under Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, the Council is required to designate the Chair and the Vice-Chair of its next meeting at the end of each meeting.

**The Council will be invited to discuss and agree on dates and the arrangements for the thirty-second meeting of the Council.**

**The Council may wish to designate the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the thirty-second meeting of the Council.**

## 11. Any other business

### **h. Update by Mexico on informal consultations on the IRENA Rules of Procedure**

At the twenty-ninth meeting of the Council, under Any other Business, the issue of reviewing and adapting the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and of the Council was raised, with the objective to actively initiate a process of reform of these Rules in order to allow IRENA to function continuously in the future.

Following an exchange of views, the Council agreed that as an initial step, Mexico would conduct informal consultations with interested Members on the matter.

At its thirtieth meeting, the Council was provided with an update on the matter and encouraged Mexico to continue its informal consultations in relation to reviewing and adapting the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and of the Council.

Mexico will be invited to provide an update on these informal consultations held with Members since the thirtieth meeting of the Council.

**The Council may wish to consider the update and provide guidance, as appropriate.**

## 12. Closing of the meeting