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UNECE Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane

Workshop on New Trends in Coal Mine Methane Recovery & Utilization
International Mining Forum 2008
27-28 February 2008
Szczyrk, Poland

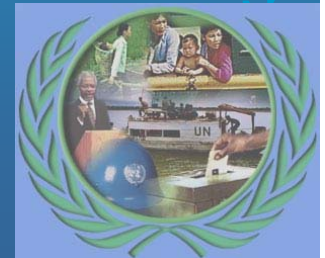
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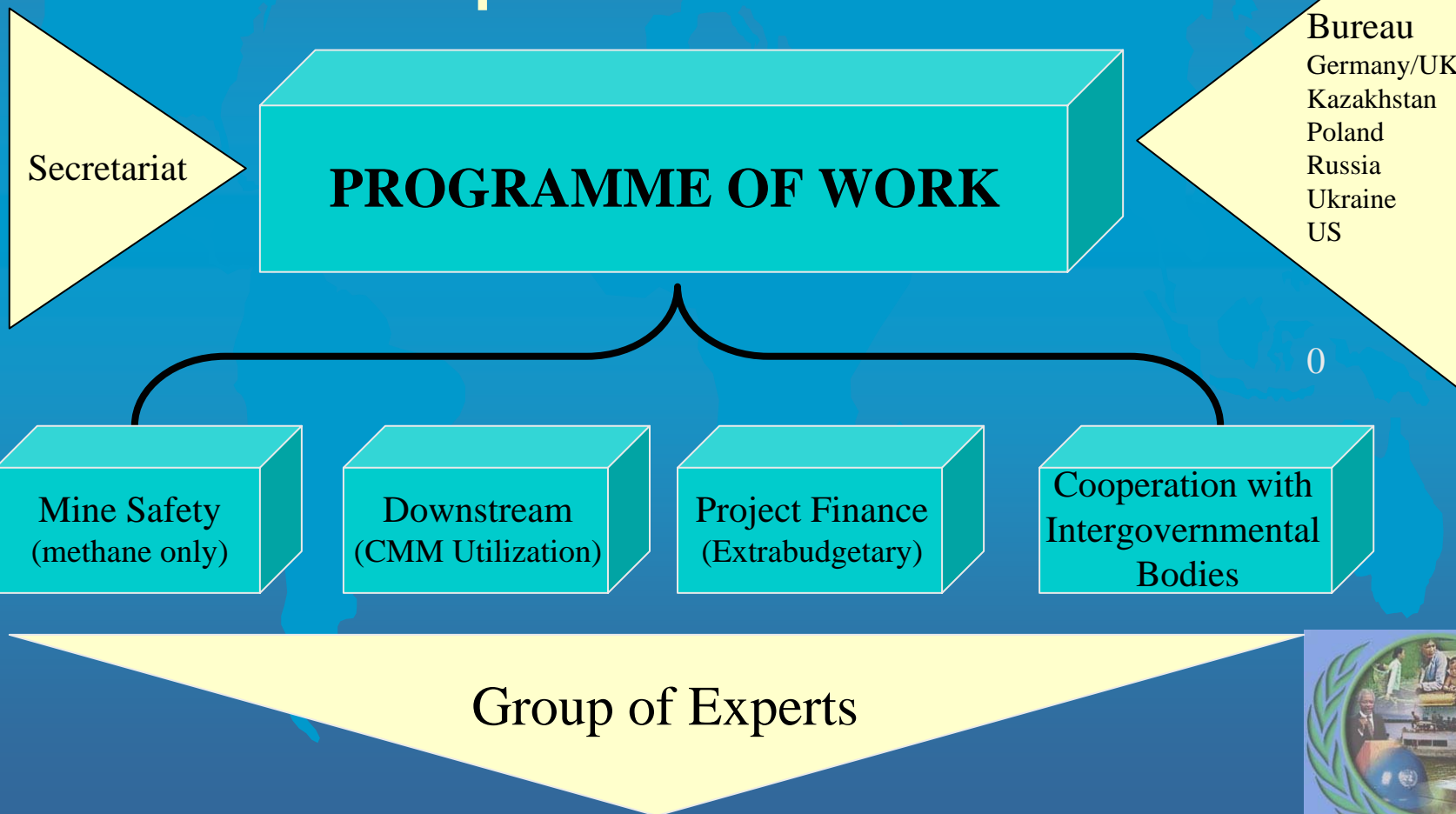
What is the UNECE and Why CMM?

- UNECE
 - 1 of 5 regional commissions
 - Mission is to foster sustained economic growth among its member countries
 - Based in Geneva with 56 member countries
 - CIS/Europe/North America
 - Works closely with other UN bodies/international orgs
- Coal is an important resource for ECE member countries
 - 38% of global coal production
 - 40% of global CMM emissions
 - Many coal industries in the region face significant work-related and public safety risks due to methane
 - Created Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane to address key issues among member countries and global coal and CMM industries





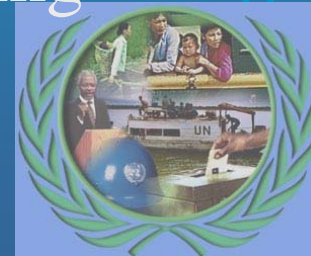
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Objectives

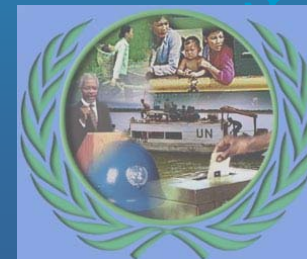
- Clarify issues of greatest importance to the CMM industry
- Identify discrete and manageable tasks that can contribute to advancing industry objectives
- Bring together all stakeholders for a robust dialogue
 - Seeking greater participation from the mining industry!





Mine Safety

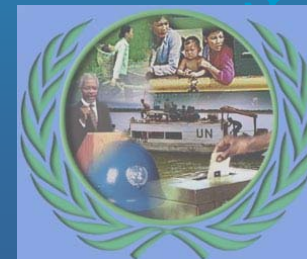
- Examining legal/regulatory frameworks
 - Promote sound degasification practices
 - Establish clear link between upstream and downstream improvements
 - In 2007, received commitment of pro bono support from major international law firm
- Exploring cooperation with
 - Leading mining associations
 - Insurance industry
- Possible extrabudgetary support





CMM Use

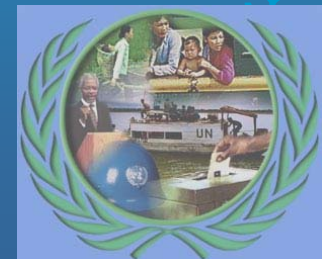
- Developing glossary of terms and definitions used worldwide (in cooperation with M2M)
- Examining production and use of low-quality methane (below 25%)
- Workshops/Conferences





Tasks – Project Finance (Extrabudgetary)

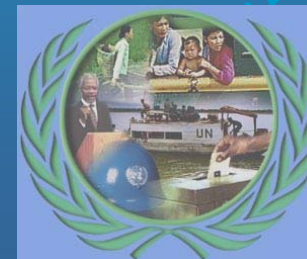
- Assist projects with development of investment grade documents and presentation before UNECE-related and other investment funds
- Intended to focus on project-specific support
- Workshops
 - Szczyrk, Poland – February 2008 (mini-workshop)
 - Poland – 2nd workshop if interest in 2nd or 3rd Quarter 2008
 - Kemerovo Region, Russian Federation – June 2008





International Cooperation

- Other UNECE Expert Groups on cleaner electricity production and natural gas
- Methane to Markets Partnership
- Environment for Europe
 - Category II Paper at Ministerial Mtg in October 2007
- UNDP
- ILO
 - Mine safety





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Thank You and We Look Forward to a Productive Workshop!

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