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Annotated provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2025

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Annotations

1. **Opening of the session**
2. **Election of officers**

Rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that committees other than Main Committees shall elect a Chair, one or more Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur. These officers shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, experience and personal competence. The Bureau of the Committee on Conferences comprises a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

At its organizational session for 1989, held on 1 March 1989, the Committee agreed in principle that thenceforth the role of Chair would rotate annually among the regional groups. At its substantive session for 2024, the Committee agreed in principle that the Chair would undertake informal consultations regarding the composition of the Bureau for 2025 and that the Chair and the other members of the Bureau would continue in their capacities until the 2025 Bureau had been elected.



Documentation

Membership of the Committee on Conferences for 2025 ([A/AC.172/2025/INF/1](#))
(to be issued)

3. Adoption of the agenda of the organizational session for 2025

4. Organization of work for 2025

(a) Intersessional departures and related matters

The Committee will consider requests for intersessional departures in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution [46/190](#), in which the Assembly took note of the guidelines adopted by the Committee ([A/46/32](#), para. 77), and in accordance with the decisions taken by the Committee at its 373rd meeting, on 26 August 1994, at its 379th meeting, on 23 March 1995, and at its substantive session of 1995.

Moreover, meetings of the Committee may be required under the terms of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution [35/10 A](#), by which the Assembly decided that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the Assembly should be reviewed by the Committee when administrative implications were being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.

(b) Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2026 and 2027

In its decision 1988/103, the Economic and Social Council decided to invite the Committee to review the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of the Council and to submit, as appropriate, its recommendations thereon to the Council.

The provisional calendar for the biennium 2026–2027 will be available for consideration by the Committee. The Committee may wish to review the provisional calendar during its organizational session and to submit its observations and recommendations to the Council for consideration at its management segment, on 10 and 11 June 2025.

Documentation

Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2026 and 2027 (E/2025/L. __) (to be issued)

5. Programme of work for 2025

At its 569th meeting, on 9 September 2024, the Committee decided that the substantive session for 2025 would be held from 2 to 8 September 2025.

The information requested by the General Assembly in resolution [79/248](#) of 24 December 2024 on the pattern of conferences will be presented in a consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences. Statistical and other relevant data will be presented as information supplementary to the report.

6. Adoption of the agenda of the substantive session for 2025

At its organizational session for 2024, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda of its substantive session for 2024 and requested the Secretariat to submit to it at its organizational session for 2025 a provisional agenda of its substantive session for 2025.

The annex to the present document contains a provisional agenda of the substantive session for 2025. The provisional agenda takes into account standing mandates from the Committee and the General Assembly, as well as the sections and information requested by the Assembly in its resolution [79/248](#).

Annex

Annotated provisional agenda of the substantive session for 2025

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organization of work.
3. General discussion:
 - (a) Calendar of conferences and meetings;
 - (b) Utilization of conference-servicing resources;
 - (c) Enhancing integrated global management, leveraging technology and measuring the quality of conference services;
 - (d) Matters related to documentation and publications;
 - (e) Matters related to language services.
4. Adoption of the report and proposed dates of the organizational and substantive sessions for 2026.

Annotations

1. Opening of the session

2. Organization of work

The terms of reference of the Committee are set forth in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution [43/222](#) B of 21 December 1988.

In section II.A, paragraph 20, of its resolution [57/283](#) B, the General Assembly encouraged the Committee to keep under continued review the procedures for the participation of observers in the work of the Committee.

3. General discussion

(a) Calendar of conferences and meetings

The draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2026 will be prepared pursuant to paragraphs 3 to 12 of General Assembly resolution [79/248](#) of 24 December 2024 on the pattern of conferences.

The Secretariat will compile a list of requests for intersessional departures from the approved calendar of conferences and meetings for 2025, together with information on any action taken by the Committee.

The Secretariat will report on requests received pursuant to paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution [47/202](#) A and section I, paragraph 7, of Assembly resolution [40/243](#), for action by the Committee.

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2026 ([A/AC.172/2025/L.2](#)) (to be issued)

Letter from the Chair of the Committee on Conferences to the President of the eightieth session of the General Assembly ([A/79/___](#))

(b) Utilization of conference-servicing resources

The Secretariat will report on the matter pursuant to paragraphs 13 to 39 of General Assembly resolution [79/248](#).

Documentation

Statistical data and analysis of the planned and actual utilization of conference-servicing resources allocated to all calendar bodies at all four duty stations will be made available to the Committee as supplementary information.

(c) Enhancing integrated global management, leveraging technology and measuring the quality of conference services

The Secretariat will report on the matter pursuant to paragraphs 40 to 51 of General Assembly resolution [79/248](#).

(d) Matters related to documentation and publications

The Secretariat will report on the matter pursuant to paragraphs 52 to 91 of General Assembly resolution [79/248](#).

(e) Matters related to language services

The Secretariat will report on the matter pursuant to paragraphs 92 to 130 of General Assembly resolution [79/248](#).

4. Adoption of the report and proposed dates of the organizational and substantive sessions for 2026

The Committee will consider for adoption its draft report for 2025 and the draft resolution on the pattern of conferences for recommendation to the General Assembly at its eightieth session. The Committee will approve the dates of its organizational and substantive sessions for 2026.
