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## Sixty-eighth session Second Committee

### Organization of work of the Second Committee

#### Note by the Secretariat

##### Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chair of the Second Committee ([A/C.2/68/1](#)). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda ([A/68/100](#) and Add.1).

##### Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the Assembly ([A/68/251](#)) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

##### List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the forthcoming addendum to the present note ([A/C.2/68/L.1/Add.1](#)), which will list the documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee.

##### Practices and working methods

4. The Second Committee, in implementing General Assembly resolution [58/316](#), in particular paragraphs 3 (c) and (d) of section C of the annex, shall utilize or expand the practice of interactive debates and the practice of “question time”.

##### Length of statements

5. The General Assembly, in its decision [65/530](#), decided to maintain the current time limits of 7 minutes for individual Member States and 10 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general debate of the

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Second Committee. The Assembly also decided to maintain, as appropriate, the current time limits of 5 minutes for individual Member States and 7 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during debates on individual agenda items.

#### **Conference facilities and meetings arrangements**

6. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of six formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (Conference Building). In this connection, the Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

#### **Informal consultations**

7. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, and as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Bureau members of the Committee so as to ensure full servicing of those consultations. In accordance with established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the level of informal “informal” consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators/facilitators.

#### **Report of the Economic and Social Council**

8. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution [58/316](#), the item entitled “Report of the Economic and Social Council” should be considered in its entirety in plenary; however, it was clarified by the General Committee that the relevant parts of chapter I of the report that fall under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned for final action by the Assembly (see [A/59/250/Add.1](#), para. 4).

#### **Conclusion of the work of the Committee**

9. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 27 November 2013 for the conclusion of its work.

## Annex

### Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

#### Week of 7-11 October 2013

##### Wednesday, 9 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Election of members of the Bureau

Organization of work, including discussion on working methods

3-6 p.m.

Keynote address

General debate

##### Thursday, 10 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

##### Friday, 11 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

General debate (*concluded*)

#### Week of 14-18 October 2013

##### Monday, 14 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

##### **Item 24: Operational activities for development:**

- (a) **Operational activities for development of the United Nations system**
- (b) **South-South cooperation**

##### Tuesday, 15 October

United Nations holiday (observed)

##### Wednesday, 16 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

##### **Item 18: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 24 and sub-items (a) and (b)

**Thursday, 17 October<sup>1</sup>**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 17: Macroeconomic policy questions:***

- (a) International trade and development**
- (b) International financial system and development**
- (c) External debt sustainability and development**
- (d) Commodities**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 18

**Friday, 18 October**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event<sup>2</sup> (to be confirmed)

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 17 and sub-items (a) to (d)

**Week of 21-25 October 2013**

**Monday, 21 October**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 22: Groups of countries in special situations:***

- (a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries**
- (b) Comprehensive 10-year Review Conference on the Implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action**

**Tuesday, 22 October**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 16: Information and communications technologies for development***

3-6 p.m.

Side event<sup>2</sup> (to be confirmed)

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 22 and sub-items (a) and (b)

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<sup>1</sup> There will be a lunchtime event on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with General Assembly decision 65/530, the Second Committee will hold a maximum of six side events. Nine slots are reflected in the present draft programme of work of the Committee for ease of scheduling only.

**Wednesday, 23 October**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

**Item 21: Globalization and interdependence:**

- (a) **Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence**
- (b) **Science and technology for development**
- (c) **Development cooperation with middle-income countries**
- (d) **Culture and development**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 16

**Thursday, 24 October**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

**Item 23: Eradication of poverty and other development issues:**

- (a) **Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)**
- (b) **Women in development**
- (c) **Human resources development**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 21 and sub-items (a) to (d)

**Friday, 25 October**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event<sup>2</sup> (to be confirmed)

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 23 and sub-items (a) to (c)

**Week of 28 October-1 November 2013****Monday, 28 October**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Item 20: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

3-6 p.m.

**Item 25: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition****Tuesday, 29 October**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Item 25: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition (*continued*)**

3-6 p.m.

Side event<sup>2</sup> (to be confirmed)

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 20

**Wednesday, 30 October**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 26: Towards global partnerships***

3-6 p.m.

***Item 61: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources***

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 25

**Thursday, 31 October**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 61: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources***  
(continued)

3-6 p.m.

***Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions***

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 26

**Friday, 1 November**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event<sup>2</sup> (to be confirmed)

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 61

**Week of 4-8 November 2013**

**Monday, 4 November**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 19: Sustainable development:***

- (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**
- (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**
- (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction**

- (d) **Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind**
- (e) **Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa**
- (f) **Convention on Biological Diversity**
- (g) **Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its first universal session**
- (h) **Harmony with Nature**
- (i) **Sustainable mountain development**
- (j) **The role of the international community in the prevention of the radiation threat in Central Asia**

**Tuesday, 5 November**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

**Item 19: Sustainable development, and sub-items (a) to (j) (*continued*)**

**Wednesday, 6 November**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event<sup>2</sup> (to be confirmed)

3-6 p.m.

Plenary meeting

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 19 and sub-items (a) to (j)

**Thursday, 7 November**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Plenary meetings

**Friday, 8 November**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event<sup>2</sup> (to be confirmed)

**Week of 11-15 November 2013**

**Monday, 11 November**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

2013 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

**Tuesday, 12 November**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

**Wednesday, 13 November**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event<sup>2</sup> (to be confirmed)

3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

**Thursday, 14 November**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

**Friday, 15 November**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event<sup>2</sup> (to be confirmed)

**Week of 18-22 November 2013**

**Tuesday, 19 November**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Action on all outstanding draft proposals

**Thursday, 21 November**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Action on all outstanding draft proposals

**Friday, 22 November<sup>3</sup>**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on all outstanding draft proposals

**Week of 25-29 November 2013**

**Monday, 25 November**

3-6 p.m.

Action on all outstanding draft proposals

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<sup>3</sup> Observance of World Food Day.



**Tuesday, 26 November**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 135: Programme planning***

Action on all outstanding items

3-6 p.m.

***Item 122: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly***<sup>4</sup>

Action on all outstanding items

Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee

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<sup>4</sup> The agenda item is allocated to the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly.