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**Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)**

Executive Committee  
First meeting  
Amman, 8-9 June 2015

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

**Organization of work****Note by the secretariat**

1. The secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) has prepared the proposed organization of work of the first meeting of the Executive Committee in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within time limitations. The Committee will be presented with the proposed organization of work enclosed in this document and shall adopt it in that or an amended form.
2. The Executive Committee will begin its meetings with an opening session at 10 a.m. on Monday, 8 June 2015. It will start its working sessions at 10.15 a.m. and will hold two sessions on each of the two days, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, as shown in the annex. The Committee will conclude its proceedings at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 June 2015.
3. Each presentation made by the secretariat shall last 10 to 15 minutes and the following discussion 30 to 45 minutes. Should the discussion of one item be completed before the specified time, the meeting will move on to the next item.

Annex**Proposed organization of work**

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Monday, 8 June 2015</u>		
<b>Morning</b>		
9.30-10 a.m.		Registration of participants.
10-10.15 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u>	<p><b>Opening session</b></p> <p>Speech by the representative of Bahrain as Chair of the first meeting of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Speech by Ms. Rima Khalaf, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA.</p>
10.15 a.m.-1 p.m.	<u>Item 2</u>	<p><b>First session</b></p> <p>Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/2015/EC.1/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/2015/EC.1/L.2</p>
	<u>Item 3</u>	<p>Follow-up issues:</p> <p>(a) Implementation of recommendations made by the Technical Committee at its eighth meeting;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>E/ESCWA/2015/EC.1/3(Part I)</p> <p>(b) Implementation of the Tunis Declaration on Social Justice in the Arab Region and resolutions adopted by ESCWA at its twenty-eighth session;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.1/3(Part II)</p> <p>(c) Evaluation of the work of ESCWA.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.1/3(Part III)</p>
	<u>Item 4</u>	<p>Consideration of the request of Mauritania for membership of the Commission.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.1/4</p>

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Monday, 8 June 2015</u> ( <i>continued</i> )	
<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Second session</b>
2-5 p.m.	<u>Item 5</u>
	Regional and global issues:
	(a) Palestine under occupation and the Fourth Geneva Convention;
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.1/5(Part I)
	(b) Financing for development;
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.1/5(Part II)
	(c) Preparations for negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda;
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.1/5(Part III)
	(d) Preparations for negotiations on climate change;
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.1/5(Part IV)
<u>Tuesday, 9 June 2015</u>	
<b>Morning</b>	<b>Third session</b>
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<u>Item 5</u> ( <i>continued</i> )
	(e) Activities undertaken by ESCWA to follow up on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action after 20 years (Beijing+20) in the Arab region.
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.1/5(Part V)
	<u>Item 6</u>
	Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017.
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.1/6

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Tuesday, 9 June 2015</u> ( <i>continued</i> )		
<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Second session</b>	
2-3 p.m.	<u>Item 7</u>	<p>Reports of the ESCWA subsidiary bodies on their sessions:</p> <p>(a) Report of the fifteenth session of the Committee on Transport;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2014/IG.1/8/Report</p> <p>(b) Report of the eleventh session of the Committee on Statistics;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/SD/2015/IG.1/7/Report</p> <p>(c) Report of the tenth session of the Committee on Energy;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2015/IG.1/7/Report</p> <p>(d) Report of the ninth session of the Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade, Economic Globalization and Financing for Development.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i> E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.1/10/Report</p>
3.15-5 p.m.	<u>Item 8</u>	Date and venue of the second meeting of the Executive Committee
	<u>Item 9</u>	Other matters.
	<u>Item 10</u>	<p>Adoption of the recommendations made by the Executive Committee at its first meeting.</p> <p><i>Draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption.</i></p>

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