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Twenty-eighth session
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Item 3 of the provisional agenda

ORGANIZATION OF WORK**Note by the secretariat**

1. The secretariat has prepared the proposed organization of work for the twenty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) to facilitate the consideration of the agenda items within the time limitations. The Commission will be presented with the proposed organization of work contained in the present document and shall adopt it in that or an amended form.
2. The session convenes its inaugural meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 15 September 2014. The meetings of the senior officials segment shall start at 10.15 a.m. Two meetings will be held, one in the morning and one in the afternoon on Monday and Tuesday, 15 and 16 September 2014, according to the annexed organization of work. The senior officials segment will end at 4.15 p.m. on Tuesday after agreeing on the recommendations and resolutions to be submitted to the ministerial segment for adoption.
3. The ministerial segment of the session will convene its inaugural meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 17 September 2014, and will start the debate on the main theme of the session "Social justice in the policies of Arab States" at 11 a.m. Those discussions will be conducted in four meetings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, on Wednesday and Thursday, 17 and 18 September 2014. The twenty-eighth session of the Commission will conclude its proceedings at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, 18 September 2014, with the adoption of a ministerial declaration on social justice in the policies of Arab States, and the adoption of the report of the commission on its twenty-eighth session which includes the recommendations and resolutions.
4. Each presentation made by the secretariat will last for 10-15 minutes and the related discussion for 20-45 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	
A. SENIOR OFFICIALS SEGMENT (15-16 SEPTEMBER 2014)		
<u>Monday, 15 September 2014</u>		
Morning		
9.30-10 a.m.		Registration of participants.
10-10.15 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u>	Opening of the twenty-eighth session. Address by the representative of the United Arab Emirates. Address by Mr. Nadim Khoury, Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCWA.
First meeting		
10.15-10.45 a.m.	<u>Item 2</u>	Election of officers.
	<u>Item 3</u>	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/28/L.1 Document E/ESCWA/28/L.2
	<u>Item 4</u>	Consideration of requests by States Members of the United Nations and/or its specialized agencies that are not members of ESCWA to participate as observers in the twenty-eighth session of the Commission. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/28/3
11 a.m.-12 noon	<u>Item 5</u>	Economic and social developments in the Arab region 2013-2014. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2014/1/Summary
12 noon-1 p.m.	<u>Item 6</u>	Outcomes of the Arab High-Level Forum on Sustainable Development. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2014/WG.1/6/Report
	<u>Item 7</u>	Support for the Palestinian people: International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/28/4

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Monday, 15 September 2014 (continued)</u>		
Afternoon	Second meeting	
2-3 p.m.	<u>Item 8</u>	Revised draft strategic framework for the biennium 2016-2017. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/28/5
3-5.30 p.m.	<u>Item 9</u>	Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission: (a) Financial status of the Commission; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/28/6(Part I) (b) Programme performance in the biennium 2012-2013; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/28/6(Part II) (c) Technical cooperation and regional advisory services; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/28/6(Part III) (d) Implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-seventh session; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/28/6(Part IV) (e) Reports of the subsidiary bodies on their sessions; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/28/6(Part V) (f) Activities of the ESCWA Technology Centre in the period 2011-2013. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/28/6(Part VI)
6-7 p.m.	Closed meeting of the Drafting Committee Consideration of proposed draft resolutions for adoption by the Commission.	

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
Tuesday, 16 September 2014	
Morning	
10-10.30 a.m.	<u>Item 10</u>
	Third meeting
	Management issues:
	(a) Evaluation of the work of the Commission;
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/28/7(Part I)
10.30-11-30 a.m.	(b) Proposed amendments to the programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015;
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/28/7(Part II)
11.45 a.m.-12.15 p.m.	(c) Proposal for the establishment of an intergovernmental committee on information and communications technology for development;
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/28/7(Part III)
12.15-12.45 p.m.	(d) Proposal for the establishment of an Arab trade and economic integration centre;
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/28/7(Part IV)
12.45-1.15 p.m.	(e) Proposed terms of reference of the intergovernmental committee on emerging issues and development under crisis;
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/28/7(Part V)
Afternoon	
2.30-3.30 p.m.	Closed meeting of heads of delegations
	(f) Proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/28/7(Part VI)
3.30-4.30 p.m.	Fourth meeting
	Consideration of recommendations of the senior officials segment for adoption by the Commission.

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B. MINISTERIAL SEGMENT (17-18 SEPTEMBER 2014)

Wednesday, 17 September 2014

Morning

9.30-10.30 a.m.	<u>Item 11</u>	<p>Opening of the ministerial segment.</p> <p>Address by Mr. Sultan Bin Saeed al-Mansoori, Minister of Economy of the United Arab Emirates, Chair of the twenty-seventh session of the Commission.</p> <p>Message from Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations.</p> <p>Address by Mr. Ghanem bin Fadl al-Buainain, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain.</p> <p>Address by Ms. Rima Khalaf, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA.</p> <p>Address by Mr. Mehdi Jomaa, Prime Minister of Tunisia.</p> <p>Documentary to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Commission.</p>
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First meeting

11 a.m.-1.30 p.m.	<u>Item 12</u>	<p>Social justice in the policies of Arab States:</p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/28/8</p> <p>(a) The new development approach;</p> <p><i>Ministerial panel discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/28/8/Panel.1</p>
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Afternoon

Second meeting

2.30-4.30 p.m.		<p>(b) Economic policies supportive of social justice;</p> <p><i>Ministerial panel discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/28/8/Panel.2</p>
4.30-5.15 p.m.		<p>Side event Launch of the ESCWA report on the Arab Middle Class.</p>

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
Thursday, 18 September 2014		
Morning		
9-10 a.m.		Closed meeting of heads of delegations Approve the recommendations and draft resolutions.
		Third meeting
10 a.m.-12 p.m.	<u>Item 12</u> (continued)	(c) Intergenerational justice and access to natural resources; <i>Ministerial panel discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/28/8/Panel.3
12.15 p.m.-2.15 p.m.		(d) Social justice: Monitoring and measurement. <i>Ministerial panel discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/28/8/Panel.4
Afternoon		
3.30-4.30 p.m.	<u>Item 13</u>	Adoption of a ministerial declaration on social justice in the policies of Arab States.
	<u>Item 14</u>	Date and venue of the twenty-ninth session of the Commission.
	<u>Item 15</u>	Other matters.
	<u>Item 16</u>	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-eighth session. Document E/ESCWA/28/9/Report
	<u>Item 17</u>	Closure of the session Address by Mr. Monji al-Hamdi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tunisia. Address by Ms. Rima Khalaf, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA.
