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Sixth special session
Amman, 21-22 December 2019

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Organization of work**Note by the secretariat**

1. The secretariat has prepared the proposed organization of work for the sixth special session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) to facilitate the consideration of the agenda items within time limitations. The Commission will be presented with the proposed organization of work contained in this document and shall adopt it in that or an amended form.
2. The Commission will hold an opening session at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 21 December 2019. It will hold two sessions on each of the two days during which it is being convened, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, as shown in the next section of this document. The Commission will conclude its proceedings at 5 p.m. on Sunday, 22 December 2019.
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.

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Saturday, 21 December 2019</u>		
Morning		
9-10 a.m.		Registration of participants.
10-10.15 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u>	<p>Opening of the session.</p> <p>Speech by the representative of Tunisia, Chair of the thirtieth ESCWA session.</p> <p>Speech by the representative of the ESCWA secretariat.</p>
10.15 a.m.-1 p.m.		First meeting
	<u>Item 2</u>	<p>Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/S-6/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/S-6/L.2</p>
	<u>Item 3</u>	<p>Consideration of requests from Somalia and Algeria for ESCWA membership.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/S-6/3</p>
		Follow-up issues
	<u>Item 4</u>	<p>Implementation of recommendations made by the Executive Committee at its sixth meeting.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/S-6/4</p>
	<u>Item 5</u>	<p>Implementation of the Beirut Consensus on Technology for Sustainable Development in the Arab Region:</p> <p>(a) Activities undertaken by the ESCWA secretariat;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/S-6/5(Part I)</p> <p>(b) Activities undertaken by member States.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Presentations by State representatives and document E/ESCWA/S-6/5(Part II)</p>

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Saturday, 21 December 2019 (continued)

Afternoon

2-5 p.m.

Second meeting

Regional and global issues

- Item 6 Financing for development in 2019: global developments and regional challenges as reflected in the Arab Financing for Development Scorecard.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/S-6/6
- Item 7 Belt and Road Initiative: what is in it for the Arab region?
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/C.5/2019/CRP.2-E/ESCWA/S-6/7
- Item 8 Social protection reform in Arab countries.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/C.2/2019/CRP.1-E/ESCWA/S-6/8
- Item 9 Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation and coping mechanisms of the Palestinian people.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/S-6/9

Sunday, 22 December 2019

Morning

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Third meeting

Regional and global issues (continued)

- Item 10 Regional review and assessment of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action 25 years after their adoption in Arab countries.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/C.7/2019/5-E/ESCWA/S-6/10
- Item 11 Climate change: regional and global developments.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/S-6/11
- Item 12 The Sustainable Development Goals Monitor.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/S-6/12

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Sunday, 22 December 2019 (continued)</u>	
Afternoon	
2 p.m.-5 p.m.	Fourth meeting
Work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies	
<u>Item 13</u>	<p>Reports of ESCWA subsidiary bodies.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>(a) Report of the Committee on Energy on its twelfth session E/ESCWA/C.3/2019/14/Report;</p> <p>(b) Report of the Committee on Water Resources on its thirteenth session E/ESCWA/C.4/2019/11/Report;</p> <p>(c) Report of the Committee on Social Development on its twelfth session E/ESCWA/C.2/2019/9/Report.</p>
<u>Item 14</u>	<p>Progress in ESCWA reform.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/S-6/14</p>
<u>Item 15</u>	<p>Technical cooperation activities in 2019.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/S-6/15</p>
<u>Item 16</u>	<p>Proposed programme plan for 2021.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/S-6/16.</p>
<u>Item 17</u>	<p>Other matters.</p>
<u>Item 18</u>	<p>Adoption of the resolutions and recommendations made by the Commission at its sixth special session.</p> <p><i>Draft resolutions and recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption.</i></p>
