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Committee on Trade Policies in the States Members of the Economic
and Social Commission for Western Asia

First session

Amman, 8-9 December 2019



Item 3 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 for the first session of the Committee on Trade Policies in the States Members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within time limitations. The Committee will be presented with the proposed organization of work contained in the next section of the present document and shall adopt it in its current or amended form.
2. The Committee will start its meetings at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 8 December 2019. It will conclude its proceedings at 12 noon on Monday, 9 December 2019, as per the proposed organization of work.
3. Each presentation given by the secretariat shall be limited to 10-15 minutes and the following discussion to 30-45 minutes. Should the discussion of an agenda item be concluded ahead of schedule, the next agenda item will be brought forward for discussion.

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Sunday, 8 December 2019</u>	
Morning	
9-10 a.m.	Registration of participants.
10 a.m-10:15 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u> Opening of the session. Statement by the representative of Tunis, the State that chaired the eleventh session of the Technical Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade, Economic Globalization and Financing for Development. Statement by the ESCWA secretariat.
10:15 a.m.-1 p.m.	First session
	<u>Item 2</u> Election of officers.
	<u>Item 3</u> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. <i>For discussion</i> Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/C.6/2019/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/C.6/2019/L.2
	Follow up issues
	<u>Item 4</u> Activities related to trade policies under the ESCWA programme of work for the period 2018-2019. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2019/3
	<u>Item 5</u> Technical cooperation activities. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2019/4
	<u>Item 6</u> Implementation of the recommendations made by the Technical Committee on Liberalization of Foreign trade, Economic Globalization and Financing for Development at its eleventh session (focus on trade). <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2019/5

Date/Time	Agenda item and documentation
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Sunday, 8 December 2019 (*continued*)

Afternoon

2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Second session

Arab trade monitoring and evaluation tools

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| <u>Item 7</u> | <p>Assessing Arab economic integration: trade in services as a driver of growth and development.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/6-E/ESCWA/C.6/2019/6</p> |
| <u>Item 8</u> | <p>Monitoring and evaluating Arab economic integration.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/7/Rev.1-E/ESCWA/C.6/2019/7</p> |
| <u>Item 9</u> | <p>Arab States' exports: trends and patterns.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2019/8</p> |
| <u>Item 10</u> | <p>Towards modernization of the Pan-Arab Free Trade Area Agreement.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2019/9</p> |

Monday, 9 December 2019

Morning

9 a.m-12 noon

Third session

Arab trade monitoring and evaluation tools (continued)

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| <u>Item 11</u> | <p>A tool to measure the impact of trade policies on selected Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Presentation by the ESCWA secretariat</p> |
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Date/Time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Monday, 9 December 2019</u> <i>(continued)</i>	
Morning	
9 a.m-12 noon	Third session <i>(continued)</i> Trade policies, economic integration and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
<u>Item 12</u>	Global trade wars: winners and losers in the Arab region. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2019/10
<u>Item 13</u>	Arab trade integration in a changing global trade landscape: what priorities for the Arab region? - Round-table discussion
<u>Item 14</u>	Date and venue of the second session of the Committee.
<u>Item 15</u>	Other matters.
<u>Item 16</u>	Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee at its first session. <i>The draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption</i>

ESCWA will organize a side event on the “World Investment Report 2019” from 12 noon to 1 p.m.
