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Statistical Committee
Eighth session
Beirut, 14-16 October 2008

Item 3 of the provisional agenda

ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION**Note by the Secretariat**

1. The secretariat prepared the proposed organization of work for the eighth session of the Statistical Committee in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time assigned to each item. The Committee may adopt it in the form in which it is submitted or make amendments thereto.
2. The first meeting of the eighth session of the Committee will be convened on Tuesday, 14 October 2008 at 10.a.m. Two meetings are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, 14 and 15 October respectively, and one meeting for Thursday 16 October 2008. The session will conclude on Thursday, 16 October 2008.
3. The presentations made by the secretariat are expected to be limited to 10-15 minutes, the discussion to 30 minutes per presentation. If the discussion of an agenda item is concluded ahead of schedule, the next agenda item will be brought forward for discussion at 1 p.m.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

Date/time

Agenda item and documentation

Tuesday, 14 October 2008

Morning

9:00 - 10:00

10:00 - 13:30

Registration of participants.

Item 1

Opening of the eighth session of the Statistical Committee.

Item 2

Election of officers.

Item 3

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

For discussion

Provisional agenda and annotations
(E/ESCWA/SD/2008/IG.1/L.1)

Proposed Organization of Work
(E/ESCWA/SD/2008/IG.1/L.2)

Item 4

Review of statistical work carried out since the seventh session of the Statistical Committee:

(a) Follow-up on the recommendations of the Statistical Committee at its seventh session;

For discussion

Document (E/ESCWA/SD/2008/IG.1/3(Part I))

Afternoon

14:30 - 17:00

Item 4 (cont'd)

Review of statistical work carried out since the seventh session of the Statistical Committee:

(b) Progress made in carrying out statistics-related activities between the seventh and eighth sessions of the Statistical Committee;

For discussion

Document (E/ESCWA/SD/2008/IG.1/3(Part II))

(c) Outcome of the twenty-fifth session of ESCWA in the field of statistics.

For discussion

Document (E/ESCWA/SD/2008/IG.1/3(Part III))

Wednesday, 15 October 2008

Morning

9:30 - 11:00

Item 5 Millennium Development Goals: monitoring framework and proposals for improvement.

For discussion

Document (E/ESCWA/SD/2008/IG.1/4)

Item 6 Capacity-building in statistics for evidence-based policymaking:

- (a) Needs assessment for capacity-building of the national statistical offices in the ESCWA member countries: progress achieved towards strengthening the national statistical capacities;

For discussion

Document (E/ESCWA/SD/2008/IG.1/5)

Item 6 (cont'd) Capacity-building in statistics for evidence-based policymaking:

- (b) Follow-up on the recommendations of the Third Arab Forum on Statistical Capacity-Building and preparation for the next statistics-related activities;

Presentations by: the Arab Institute for Statistical Training and Research; and the Central Agency for Public Mobilisation and Statistics in Egypt.

- (c) The Global Project on Measuring the Progress of Societies.

Presentation by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Item 7 Regional implications of the thirty-ninth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission.

For discussion

Document (E/ESCWA/SD/2008/IG.1/6)

Item 8 Activities of the Regional Task Force on Population and Housing Censuses.

Presentation by the Regional Task Force.

Afternoon

14:30 - 17:00

Item 9 Results of self-assessment of the External Trade Bulletin of the ESCWA Region.

For discussion

Document (E/ESCWA/SD/2008/IG.1/7)

Wednesday, 15 October 2008 (continued)

Item 10 Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 in the field of statistics.

For discussion

Document (E/ESCWA/SD/2008/IG.1/8)

Item 11 Date and venue of the ninth session of the Statistical Committee.

Item 12 Other business.

Thursday, 16 October 2008

10:00 - 13:00

Item 13 Adoption of the report of the Statistical Committee on its eighth session.

For discussion and adoption

Document (E/ESCWA/SD/2008/IG.1/9)