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Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect from among the representatives of its members a Chair, one or more Vice-Chairs and such other officers as may be required. Following the established practice, the Commission shall elect a Chair and four Vice-Chairs and also designate one of the Vice-Chairs as Rapporteur.

In subparagraph (c) of its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission for Social Development would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau. In its resolution 2014/3, the Council reaffirmed that the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission should continue to be elected for a term of office of two years, in parallel with the review and policy cycle of 2015-2016. Accordingly, the Commission held the first meeting of its fifty-third session on 21 February 2014, immediately following the closure of the fifty-second session, and elected by acclamation Simona Mirela Miculescu (Romania) as Chair and Janina Hasse-Mohsine (Germany), Amina Smaila (Nigeria) and Ana Peña (Peru) as Vice-Chairs.

Subsequently, the Asia-Pacific States nominated Do Hung Viet (Viet Nam) to represent the regional group on the Bureau as Vice-Chair. In addition, following the resignation of Ms. Peña, the Latin American and Caribbean States nominated Ronnie Habich (Peru) to replace her on the Bureau as Vice-Chair. At the opening meeting of the fifty-third session of the Commission, on 4 February 2015, the two nominees will be elected as Vice-Chairs. At the same meeting, the Commission will designate one of its Vice-Chairs as also having rapporteurial responsibilities.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure requires that, after the election of its officers at the beginning of each session, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-third session of the Commission were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2014/217.

The proposed organization of work of the Commission at its fifty-third session (see annex I) has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time frame available and in accordance with the conference services allocated to the Commission. The timetable should be considered tentative and indicative: if the Commission completes its consideration of an item ahead of schedule, it may wish to proceed immediately to the next item.

The Commission is scheduled to meet from Wednesday, 4 February, to Friday, 13 February 2015. Arrangements have been made to hold morning and afternoon meetings during the session: morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Documentation

Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work ([E/CN.5/2015/1](#))

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/46 on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the Assembly entitled “World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world”, the Commission will undertake regular assessment of the implementation of the Copenhagen commitments and the further initiatives adopted at Geneva.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development ([E/CN.5/2015/2](#))

(a) Priority theme: rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world

In its resolution 2014/3, the Economic and Social Council decided that the priority theme for the 2015-2016 review and policy cycle would be “Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world”. The Commission will review the theme at its fifty-third session in 2015. The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the priority theme.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world ([E/CN.5/2015/3](#))

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

(ii) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

(iii) World Programme of Action for Youth

(iv) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(v) Family issues, policies and programmes

The Commission will consider issues pertaining to the situation of social groups. In addition, the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the rights of persons with disabilities will interact with the Commission.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014 ([A/70/61-E/2015/3](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 ([E/CN.5/2015/4](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on disability to the Commission for Social Development on the monitoring of the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities ([E/CN.5/2015/5](#))

(c) Emerging issues: contributions of social development to the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals

In its resolution 2006/18, the Economic and Social Council decided to include the agenda item entitled “Emerging issues” in the programme of work of the Commission. The members of the Bureau, in consultation with their respective regional groups, agreed that the theme for discussion under this agenda item during the fifty-third session would be “Contributions of social development to the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals”. A note by the Secretariat will be available to facilitate the discussion.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on emerging issues: contributions of social development to the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals ([E/CN.5/2015/6](#))

4. Programme questions and other matters

(a) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017

The Commission will have before it the proposed programme of work of the Secretariat for the biennium 2016-2017 in the field of social development.

Documentation

Conference room paper on the proposed programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017, subprogramme 2, social policy and development, of programme 7, economic and social affairs ([E/CN.5/2015/CRP.1](#))

(b) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Nomination of members of the Board of the Institute

The Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development is composed of 10 members, who are nominated by the Commission and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council for a term of four years, renewable once for a further two years, in accordance with Commission resolution 10 (XXV).

The Commission, at its fifty-third session, will be called upon to nominate a number of new members and to renominate some existing members of the Board. The Council will be called upon to confirm those nominated in 2015.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development ([E/CN.5/2015/8](#))

Report of the Board of the Institute

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Board of the Institute submits to the Commission a report on the progress of its work. The Commission will have before it the report of the Board covering the biennium 2016-2017.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development ([E/CN.5/2015/7](#))

5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its fifty-fourth session, together with an indication of the documentation to be submitted for its consideration.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission ([E/CN.5/2015/L.1](#))¹

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-third session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission shall submit to the Council a report on the work of its fifty-third session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Commission on its fifty-third session ([E/CN.5/2015/L.2](#))¹

¹ To be issued as an in-session document.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work (4-13 February 2015)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Week of 4-6 February 2015		
Wednesday, 4 February		
a.m.	1. Election of officers	
	2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work (E/CN.5/2015/1)
	3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly	Introduction of documentation under agenda item 3, including its sub-items (a) and (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/CN.5/2015/2)
	(a) Priority theme: rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world	Report of the Secretary-General on rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world (E/CN.5/2015/3)
	(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups	Report of the Secretary-General on the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014 (A/70/61-E/2015/3)
	(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons	Report of the Secretary-General on the further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (E/CN.5/2015/4)
	(ii) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities	
	(iii) World Programme of Action for Youth	
	(iv) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on disability on the monitoring of the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (E/CN.5/2015/5)
	(v) Family issues, policies and programmes	

<i>Date</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
		Presentation of the outcome of the civil society forum held on 3 February 2015
	3 (a) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion begins
p.m.	3 (a) (<i>continued</i>)	Panel discussion on item 3 (a)
Thursday, 5 February		
a.m.	3 (<i>continued</i>)	Commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development on the topic "Social development: from Copenhagen to the post-2015 development agenda"
p.m.	3 (a) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion
Friday, 6 February		
a.m.	3 (c) Emerging issues: contributions of social development to the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals	Panel discussion Note by the Secretariat on emerging issues: contributions of social development to the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals (E/CN.5/2015/6)
p.m.	3 (b) (<i>continued</i>)	Interaction with the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the rights of persons with disabilities
Week of 9-13 February 2015		
Monday, 9 February		
a.m.	3 (a) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion
p.m.	3 (a) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion
	3 (b) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion
	4. Programme questions and other matters	Conference room paper on the proposed programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017, subprogramme 2, social policy and development, of programme 7, economic and social affairs (E/CN.5/2015/CRP.1)
	(a) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017	
	(b) United Nations Research Institute for Social	Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of

<i>Date</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
	Development	the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2015/8)
		Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2015/7)
	3 (a) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion
	3 (b) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion
Tuesday, 10 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Informal consultations (no plenary meeting)
p.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Informal consultations (no plenary meeting) <i>5 p.m.: deadline for submission of proposals</i>
Wednesday, 11 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Informal consultations (no plenary meeting)
p.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Informal consultations (no plenary meeting)
Thursday, 12 February		
	3 (a) and (b)	Informal consultations (no plenary meeting)
p.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Informal consultations (no plenary meeting)
Friday, 13 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Informal consultations (no plenary meeting)
p.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Introduction of proposals

<i>Date</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
		Action on proposals
	5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission	Adoption of the provisional agenda for the next session
	6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-third session	Adoption of the report Closure of the session ^a

^a In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2002/210, the Commission, immediately following the closure of the fifty-third session, will hold the first meeting of its fifty-fourth session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council. In accordance with Council resolution 2014/3, the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission for the fifty-third session have been elected for a two-year term.

Annex II**Membership of the Commission for Social Development
at its fifty-third session (2015)****(46 members; four-year term)**

<i>Membership</i>	<i>Term expires at close of the session in the year:</i>
1. Andorra	2015
2. Argentina	2017
3. Austria	2015
4. Bangladesh	2015
5. Belarus	2016
6. Brazil	2017
7. Burkina Faso	2015
8. Cameroon	2015
9. Chile	2017
10. China	2017
11. Cuba	2015
12. Democratic Republic of the Congo	2017
13. Dominican Republic	2016
14. Ecuador	2016
15. Egypt	2015
16. El Salvador	2016
17. Finland	2017
18. France	2017
19. Germany	2016
20. Japan	2016
21. Kuwait	2017
22. Liberia	2016
23. Madagascar	2017
24. Malawi	2017
25. Mauritania	2016

<i>Membership</i>	<i>Term expires at close of the session in the year:</i>
26. Mexico	2015
27. Mongolia	2016
28. Nepal	2015
29. Nigeria	2016
30. Pakistan	2017
31. Peru	2015
32. Poland	2017
33. Republic of Korea	2016
34. Romania	2017
35. Russian Federation	2016
36. Spain	2015
37. Sudan	2016
38. Switzerland	2017
39. Turkmenistan	2017
40. Uganda	2017
41. Ukraine	2015
42. United States of America	2016
43. Viet Nam	2015
44. Zimbabwe	2015
45. (Vacancy — Western European and other States)	2016
46. (Vacancy — Western European and other States)	2017
