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**Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)**

Committee on Women  
Seventh session  
Muscat, 20-21 January 2016

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) prepared the proposed organization of work of the seventh session of the Committee on Women in order to facilitate the consideration of the agenda items within the specified timeframe. The proposed organization of work enclosed in this document will be presented to the Committee which shall adopt it as submitted or with amendments.
2. The opening session of the Committee on Women will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 January 2016 and the working sessions will start at 10 a.m. The Committee will hold two meetings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, on each of the two days of the session, as set out in the proposed organization of work annexed to this document. The committee will conclude its session at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 21 January 2016.
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 an 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	
<u>Wednesday, 20 January 2016</u>		
<b>Morning</b>		
8.30-9 a.m.		Registration of delegations.
9-9.15 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u>	Opening of the 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/ECW/2015/IG.1/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/ECW/2015/IG.1/L.2
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<u>Item 4</u>	<p>Progress made in the advancement of women:</p> <p>(a) Implementation of activities related to the advancement of women under the ESCWA programme of work and recommendations addressed to the secretariat by the Committee on Women at its sixth session;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2015/IG.1/3(Part I)</p> <p>(b) Efforts by ESCWA to enhance gender equality and promote the empowerment of women in the United Nations system and promote them in the member States;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2015/IG.1/3(Part II)</p> <p>(c) Actions taken by member States to promote the advancement of women pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee on Women at its sixth session.</p>
		<i>Presentations by member country representatives</i>
<b>Afternoon</b>		
2-4 p.m.	<u>Item 5</u>	<p>International issues:</p> <p>(a) Outlook on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action after the Beijing+20 review;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2015/IG.1/4(Part I)</p>

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Wednesday, 20 January 2016 (continued)</u>		
		(b) Gender equality and women empowerment in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
		<i>For discussion</i>
		Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2015/IG.1/4(Part II)
<u>Thursday, 21 January 2016</u>		
<b>Morning</b>		
9 a.m.-12 noon	<u>Item 6</u>	<p>Regional issues:</p> <p>(a) The right of women and girls to access justice in the Arab region;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2015/IG.1/5(Part I)</p> <p>(b) Economic and social repercussions of conflict on women in the Arab region;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2015/IG.1/5(Part II)</p> <p>(c) Implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security in the Arab region.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2015/IG.1/5(Part III)</p>
<b>Afternoon</b>		
2-5 p.m.	<u>Item 7</u>	<p>Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017 in the advancement of women.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2015/IG.1/6</p>
	<u>Item 8</u>	Date and venue of the eighth session of the Committee on Women.
	<u>Item 9</u>	Other matters.
	<u>Item 10</u>	<p>Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee on Women at its seventh session.</p> <p><i>The draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption</i></p>

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