Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Committee on Technology for Development
Second session
Beirut, 20-21 March 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 second session of the Committee on Technology for Development to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within time limitations. The present document sets out the proposed organization of work, which the Committee is invited to adopt in its current or amended form.

2.   The Committee on Technology for Development will hold an opening meeting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 March 2019. It is scheduled to hold two meetings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, on each of the two days of the session. The Committee will conclude its proceedings in the afternoon of Thursday, 21 March 2019.

3.   Each presentation made by the representative of the secretariat will last 10 to 15 minutes, and the following discussion will take 30 to 45 minutes. Should discussion of an item be completed in less than the specified time, participants will move on to the next item.

Proposed organization of work

Date/time		Agenda item and documentation

Wednesday, 20 March 2019

Morning session

8.30-9 a.m.		Registration of participants.
9-9.15 a.m.	Item 1	Opening of the session.
		Statement by the Chair of the first session of the Committee on Technology for Development.
		Statement by the ESCWA secretariat.
9.15 a.m.-1 p.m.		**First meeting**
	Item 2	Election of officers.
	Item 3	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
		For discussion
		Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/L.2
		Progress made since the first session of the Committee
	Item 4	Implementation of activities under the ESCWA programme of work and of recommendations made by the Committee on Technology for Development at its first session.
		For discussion
		Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/3
	Item 5	Technical cooperation activities.
		For discussion
		Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/4
	Item 6	Activities of the ESCWA Technology Centre.
		For discussion
		Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/5
	Item 7	Meetings of directors of e-government programmes in Arab States.
		For discussion
		Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/6

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Wednesday, 20 March 2019 (*continued*)

Afternoon session

2-4 p.m. **Second meeting**
Technology and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Item 8 Technology for sustainable development: creating decent jobs and empowering youth in Arab countries.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/30/17-E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/7

Item 9 Technology and innovation in the Arab region: current situation and policy frameworks.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/8

Item 10 Implementation of the Beirut Consensus on Technology for Sustainable Development in the Arab Region.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/EC.5/2018/4/Rev.1-E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/9

Thursday, 21 March 2019

Morning session

9 a.m.-1 p.m. **Third meeting**
Technology and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (*continued*)

Item 11 Technology as a tool to make cities safe and combat violence against women.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/10

Item 12 Digital development in the Arab region and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/11

Item 13 Strengthening Governments' role in Internet governance: the Arab process.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/12

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation

Thursday, 21 March 2019 (*continued*)

Afternoon session

2-4 p.m.

**Fourth meeting
Programmatic issues**

Item 14   Proposed programme plan for 2020 in the field of technology for development.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/13

Item 15   Round-table discussion: Strategic directions for ESCWA work on technology for development in the period 2020-2025.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/CRP.1

Item 16   Date and venue of the third session of the Committee on Technology for Development.

Item 17   Other matters.

Item 18   Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee on Technology for Development at its second session.

Draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption.