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## **Annotations**

1. Opening of the session

The fourteenth session of the Committee on Water Resources will be held online beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 29 September 2021. The Chair of the thirteenth session of the Committee will give a welcome statement and the ESCWA secretariat will deliver the opening address.

2. Election of officers

Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia states: “Member States shall chair the sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on a rotating basis, in the Arabic alphabetical order employed by the United Nations.\* Unless the Commission decides otherwise, those bodies shall elect all their other officers”. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairs and a rapporteur from representatives of member States.

3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, which apply to subsidiary bodies, states: “At the beginning of each session, once the Chair has assumed his/her duties in accordance with rule 12, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda”. Pursuant to that rule, the Committee shall adopt the agenda and the organization of work as submitted in documents E/ESCWA/C.4/2021/L.1 and E/ESCWA/C.4/2021/L.2, respectively, or in amended forms.

## **Follow-up issues**

4. Implementation of activities under the ESCWA programme of work and of recommendations made by the Committee on Water Resources at its thirteenth session (E/ESCWA/C.4/2021/3)

The Committee will review the activities undertaken by the ESCWA secretariat in the field of water resources since its thirteenth session, which was held in Beirut on 27 and 28 June 2019, including activities under the ESCWA programme of work and those pursuant to the recommendations issued by the Committee at its thirteenth session.

The Committee is invited to take note of those activities and provide guidance to the ESCWA secretariat on the way forward.

## **Actions required to achieve regional water goals**

5. Integrated water resources management for improved water security in the Arab region (E/ESCWA/C.4/2021/4)

The Committee will review the ongoing efforts under the Integrated Water Resource Management approach aimed at improving water security in the Arab region, in light of climate change. The Committee will also look at the capacity-building activities implemented by ESCWA to support this integrated approach in member States, as part of the implementation of the relevant Sustainable Development Goals, and will consider cooperation with the League of Arab States in this area.

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\* ESCWA member States in the Arabic alphabetical order are as follows: Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Tunisia, Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Somalia, Iraq, Oman, the State of Palestine, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Egypt, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Mauritania and Yemen.

The Committee is invited to make suggestions and recommendations on the promotion of the Integrated Water Resource Management approach in the Arab region.

6. Groundwater resources management (E/ESCWA/C.4/2021/5)

The Committee will be briefed on the groundwater management efforts in the Arab region and on ESCWA's support in this area and in assessing the impact of climate change on groundwater.

The Committee is invited to make suggestions and recommendations on the improvement of the Integrated Water Resource Management in the Arab region.

### **Programmatic issues**

7. Round-table discussion: regional priorities in the field of water resources for the period 2021-2025  
(E/ESCWA/C.4/2021/CRP.1)

As part of the work of this session, the Committee will hold a panel discussion on regional water resource priorities in the next five years, referring to a paper submitted by the executive secretariat in this regard.

Representatives of member States are invited to make interventions on the national and regional priorities for the coming years in the area of water resources and the challenges facing the region in accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals related to water and water security.

8. Date and venue of the fifteenth session of the Committee on Water Resources

The Committee will discuss the date and venue of its fifteenth session.

9. Other matters

This item covers any other issues that Committee members may wish to raise and discuss.

10. Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee on Water Resources at its fourteenth session

The Committee will consider the draft recommendations for discussion and adoption.

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