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Second session

Online, 15-16 September 2021



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 Trade Policies in the States Members of ESCWA in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within time limitations. The Committee will be presented with the proposed organization of work contained in the next section of the present document and shall adopt it in its current or amended form.
2. The Committee will start its meetings at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 September 2021. It will conclude its proceedings at 12 p.m. on Thursday, 16 September 2021, as per the proposed organization of work.
3. Each presentation given by the secretariat shall be limited to 5–10 minutes and a discussion will follow. Should the discussion of an agenda item be concluded ahead of schedule, the next agenda item will be brought forward for discussion.

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Wednesday, 15 September 2021</u>		
Morning		
10-10:10 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u>	Opening of the session. Statement by the representative of Jordan, which chaired the first session of the Committee. Statement by the ESCWA secretariat.
10:10-11:45 a.m.		First 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/C.6/2021/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/C.6/2021/L.2
		Follow-up issues
	<u>Item 4</u>	Implementation of trade policy activities under the ESCWA programme plan for 2020-2021. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2021/3
	<u>Item 5</u>	Technical cooperation activities. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2021/4
	<u>Item 6</u>	Implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its first session. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2021/5
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.		Second session
		Trade tools and analyses for 2030 Agenda implementation
	<u>Item 7</u>	Arab Economy-wide Trade Simulator Interface. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2021/6
	<u>Item 8</u>	Arab customs union negotiations helpdesk: a demo version. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2021/7
	<u>Item 9</u>	Global survey on trade facilitation measures. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2021/8
	<u>Item 10</u>	Index Simulator for Policymakers in the Arab Region. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2021/9

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Thursday, 16 September 2021</u>	
10:00-11:30 a.m.	First session
	Programmatic issues
	<u>Item 11</u> Round-table discussion: regional priorities for the coming years in the field of trade.
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Second session
	<u>Item 12</u> Date and venue of the third session of the Committee.
	<u>Item 13</u> Other matters.
	<u>Item 14</u> Adoption of recommendations made by the Committee at its second session.
