

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

Committee on Women
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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The tenth session of the Committee on Women opens at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 16 November 2021. It will be held in Beirut and online, using a web conferencing platform to be determined at a later date. The representative of Qatar, Chair of the ninth session of the Committee on Women, will deliver the welcome speech. The representative of the ESCWA secretariat will then deliver the opening statement.

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 applies 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.7/2021/L.1 and E/ESCWA/C.7/2021/L.2, respectively, or with the required amendments.

Follow-up issues

4. Implementation of activities on women's issues under the ESCWA programme plan and of recommendations made by the Committee at its ninth session (E/ESCWA/C.7/2021/3)

The Committee will review activities on women's issues implemented since its ninth session, held in Amman on 26 and 27 November 2019, including activities under the ESCWA programme plan and those undertaken by the ESCWA secretariat pursuant to the recommendations issued by the Committee at its ninth session.

The Committee is invited to take note of progress made and express its views and recommendations.

5. Technical cooperation activities (E/ESCWA/C.7/2021/4)

The Committee will review the technical cooperation activities undertaken since the ninth session of the Committee at the request of member States in support of their efforts to achieve gender equality and empower women. These activities include advisory services, field projects and capacity-building workshops.

The Committee is invited to take note of those activities and discuss technical cooperation priorities and needs for the coming period.

* 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.

6. Supporting the Subcommittee on Gender Equality and the Sustainable Development Goals
(E/ESCWA/C.7/2021/5)

The Committee will review the activities undertaken in support of the Subcommittee on Gender Equality and the Sustainable Development Goals, established pursuant to a recommendation made by the Committee on Women at its seventh session (Muscat, 20-21 January 2016). The activities carried out are based on the terms of reference and priorities of the Subcommittee and on the recommendations of the Women's Committee at its ninth session.

The Committee is requested to take note of implemented activities and make suggestions regarding avenues to continue supporting the Subcommittee in the coming period.

7. National action to implement the recommendations made by the Committee on Women at its ninth session (E/ESCWA/C.7/2021/CRP.1)

Representatives of member States will make presentations on national actions taken to implement the recommendations of the Committee at its ninth session. They are invited to highlight their needs for completing implementation, in order for ESCWA to determine its interventions in this respect for the period ahead.

Representatives of ESCWA member States wishing to give a presentation or make an intervention are invited to submit a request in advance to the Committee Bureau.

Recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and advancing gender equality

8. Workshop: ESCWA toolkit to support States in designing national policies that mainstream gender equality and women's empowerment concerns (E/ESCWA/C.7/2021/6)

As part of the proceedings of its tenth session, the Committee will hold a capacity-building workshop on the policy toolkit designed by ESCWA to support States in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment. These tools cover several areas, including gender justice and equality, institutional assessment from the perspective of gender equality, and women, peace and security.

Representatives of member States are invited to participate in the workshop and present national experiences on mainstreaming gender equality in programmes and policies.

9. Building forward better after the COVID-19 pandemic (E/ESCWA/C.7/2021/7)

The committee will review the impact of government measures to mitigate the repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic on women's situation and their economic, political and social participation in the Arab region, as well as proposals on recovery plans and ways to build forward better and advance gender equality.

The Committee is invited to discuss the findings and recommendations made.

10. Date and venue of the eleventh session of the Committee on Women

The Committee shall agree on the date and venue of its eleventh session.

11. Other matters

This item shall cover any other matters that the Committee may wish to raise and discuss.

12. Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee on Women at its tenth session

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