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Executive Committee
Eighth meeting
Amman, 24–23 December 2021



Item 2 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 of the eighth meeting of the Executive Committee in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within time limitations. The Committee will be presented with the proposed organization of work enclosed in this document and shall adopt it in that or an amended form.
2. The Executive Committee will hold an opening session at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 23 December 2021. Work will begin at 9.15 a.m. The Committee 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 at 4 p.m. on Friday, 24 December 2021.
3. Each presentation made by the secretariat shall last 10 minutes and the following discussion approximately 30 minutes. If the discussion of an agenda item is concluded ahead of schedule, the next agenda item will be brought forward.

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Thursday, 23 December 2021</u>	
Morning	
8.00–9.00 a.m.	Registration of participants.
9–9.15 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u> Opening of the meeting. Speech by the representative of Tunisia, the country chairing the thirtieth session of ESCWA. Statement by the ESCWA secretariat.
9.15–12.00	First session
	<u>Item 2</u> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. <i>For discussion</i> Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/EC.8/2021/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/EC.8/2021/L.2
Follow-up issues	
	<u>Item 3</u> Implementation of recommendations made by the Executive Committee at its seventh meeting. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EC.8/2021/3
	<u>Item 4</u> Technical cooperation activities in 2021. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EC.8/2021/4
	<u>Item 5</u> Progress in administrative reforms in ESCWA. <i>For discussion</i> Presentation by the ESCWA secretariat
Overview of ESCWA policy tools and e-portals	
	<u>Item 6</u> ESCWA toolkit to support countries in designing integrated social policies. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EC.8/2021/5-E/ESCWA/C.2/2021/8/Rev.2

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Thursday, 23 December 2021 (*continued*)

Overview of ESCWA policy tools and e-portals (*continued*)

- Item 7 Arab SDG Gateway.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/EC.8/2021/6

Afternoon

1–4 p.m.

Second session

Overview of ESCWA policy tools and e-portals (*continued*)

- Item 8 Arab Trade Gateway.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/EC.8/2021/7

Regional and global issues

- Item 9 Activities of the Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/EC.8/2021/8
- Item 10 Outcomes of the 2021 Arab Forum for Sustainable Development.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/EC.8/2021/9

Friday, 24 December 2021

Morning

9–12 a.m.

Third session

Regional and global issues (*continued*)

- Item 11 Regional preparations for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/EC.8/2021/10

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Friday, 24 December 2021 (*continued*)

Programmatic issues

Item 12 Reports of ESCWA subsidiary bodies.

For discussion

- (a) Reports of the Committee on Transport and Logistics on its twentieth (E/ESCWA/C.5/2019/5/Report) and twenty-first (E/ESCWA/C.5/2020/6/Report) sessions;
- (b) Reports of the Committee on Trade Policies in the States Members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on its first (E/ESCWA/C.6/2019/11/Report) and second (E/ESCWA/C.6/2021/11/Report) sessions;
- (c) Report of the Committee on Financing for Development in the States Members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on its first session (E/ESCWA/C.6/2019/11/Report);
- (d) Report of the Statistical Committee on its fourteenth session (E/ESCWA/C.1/2021/7/Report);
- (e) Report of the Committee on Technology for Development on its third session (E/ESCWA/C.8/2021/7/ Report);
- (f) Report of the Committee on Social Development on its thirteenth session (E/ESCWA/C.2/2021/9/Report).

Item 13 Proposed programme plan for 2023.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/EC.8/2021/12

Afternoon

1–4 p.m.

Fourth session

Item 14 Date and venue of the ninth meeting of the Executive Committee.

Item 15 Other matters.

Item 16 Adoption of the recommendations made by the Executive Committee at its eighth meeting.

Draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption.
