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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 fourth 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 open its fourth session with a meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 14 November 2022. It is scheduled to hold two meetings on each of the two days of the session. It will conclude its proceedings in the afternoon on Tuesday, 15 November 2022.
3. Each presentation made by the representative of the secretariat will last 15 minutes, so as to allow time for discussions. Should the discussion of an item be completed in less than the specified time, participants will move on to the next item.
4. As part of the proceedings of its fourth session, the Committee on Technology for Development will hold a joint session with the ESCWA Statistical Committee on the afternoon of Tuesday, 15 November 2022, which will be continued at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 November 2022, on the theme “Data management modernization using new technologies”.
5. The annual meeting of directors of e-government programmes in Arab States will be held on Tuesday, 15 November 2022.

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Monday, 14 November 2022</u>		
9–10 a.m.		Registration of participants.
10–10.15 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u>	Opening of the session. Statement by the Chair of the third session of the Committee on Technology for Development. Statement by the representative of the ESCWA secretariat.
First meeting		
10.15 a.m.–1 p.m.	<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.8/2022/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/C.8/2022/L.2
Follow-up issues		
	<u>Item 4</u>	Implementation of activities under the ESCWA programme plan and of recommendations made by the Committee on Technology for Development at its third session to the ESCWA secretariat. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2022/3
	<u>Item 5</u>	Technical cooperation activities. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2022/4
	<u>Item 6</u>	Implementation of recommendations made by the Committee on Technology for Development at its third session to member States. <i>For discussion</i> Briefings by member State representatives
Second meeting		
2–5 p.m.	<u>Item 7</u>	Meetings of directors of e-government programmes in Arab States. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2022/5
	<u>Item 8</u>	Activities of the ESCWA Technology Centre. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2022/6

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Monday, 14 November 2022 (continued)</u>		
Second meeting (continued)		
Technological perspectives for the Arab region		
<u>Item 9</u>	Metaverse: challenges and opportunities for the Arab region. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2022/7	
<u>Tuesday, 15 November 2022</u>		
First meeting		
Technological perspectives for the Arab region (continued)		
9 a.m.–12 p.m.	<u>Item 10</u>	Enhancing the enabling environment for tech-driven entrepreneurship in the Arab region. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2022/8
	<u>Item 11</u>	Use of technology and innovation for enhanced operations in Arab public institutions. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2022/9
	<u>Item 12</u>	Arab States action programme on advancing digital cooperation and digital development in the next five years. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2022/10
Second meeting		
Programmatic issues		
1–4 p.m.	<u>Item 13</u>	Results of evaluations of previous sessions of the Committee on Technology for Development. <i>For discussion</i> Presentation by the ESCWA secretariat
	<u>Item 14</u>	Date and venue of the fifth session of the Committee on Technology for Development.
	<u>Item 15</u>	Other matters.
	<u>Item 16</u>	Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee on Technology for Development at its fourth session. <i>Draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption.</i>
Joint session with the ESCWA Statistical Committee on the theme “Data management modernization using new technologies” Beirut, 15-16 November 2022		
