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Committee on Trade Policies in the States Members of the Economic
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Third session

Tunis, 7–8 March 2023



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 third session of the Committee on Trade Policies in the States Members of ESCWA 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 will adopt it in its current or amended form.
2. The Committee will start its meetings at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 March 2023. It will conclude its proceedings in the afternoon on Wednesday, 8 March 2023, as per the proposed organization of work.
3. Each presentation by the ESCWA secretariat is expected to last between 10 and 15 minutes, followed by a discussion. Should the discussion of an agenda item be concluded ahead of schedule, the next agenda item will be brought forward for discussion.
4. On Monday, 6 March 2023, ESCWA will organize a high-level workshop to present the new release of the Arab Trade Simulator Interface and train participants to use it.

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Tuesday, 7 March 2023</u>		
10–10.15 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u>	Opening of the session. Statement by the representative of the country that chaired the second session of the Committee. Statement by the representative of the ESCWA secretariat.
10.15 a.m.–1 p.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.6/2023/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/C.6/2023/L.2
	Follow-up issues	
	<u>Item 4</u>	Implementation of trade policy activities under the ESCWA programme plan and of recommendations made by the Committee at its second session to the ESCWA secretariat. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2023/3
	<u>Item 5</u>	Technical cooperation activities. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2023/4
	<u>Item 6</u>	Implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee at its second session to ESCWA member States. <i>For discussion</i> Briefings by representatives of ESCWA members States
2–4 p.m.	Second session	
	Emerging issues and the Arab Trade Gateway	
	<u>Item 7</u>	Business environment legislation and trade policies in the Arab region. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2023/5
	<u>Item 8</u>	Blockchain for trade facilitation in the Arab region. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2023/6-E/ESCWA/C.5/2022/6

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Wednesday, 8 March 2023</u>	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>First session</p> <p>Emerging issues and the Arab Trade Gateway (<i>continued</i>)</p>
<u>Item 9</u>	<p>External trade indicators for the Arab region.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2023/7</p>
<u>Item 10</u>	<p>New release of the Arab Trade Simulator Interface.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2023/8</p>
<u>Item 11</u>	<p>Free trade agreements database.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2023/9</p>
2–4 p.m.	<p>Second session</p> <p>Emerging issues and the Arab Trade Gateway (<i>continued</i>)</p>
<u>Item 12</u>	<p>Costs to Trade Platform.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/C.6/2023/10</p>
<u>Item 13</u>	<p>Date and venue of the fourth session of the Committee.</p>
<u>Item 14</u>	<p>Other matters.</p>
<u>Item 15</u>	<p>Adoption of recommendations made by the Committee at its third session.</p>
