

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

Committee on Technology for Development
Third session
Online, 15-16 February 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 third 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. On the sidelines of its third session, the Committee on Technology for Development will hold a joint webinar with the ESCWA Statistical Committee on Thursday, 11 February 2021, at 10.30 a.m., on localized big data for effective decision-making in crisis situations.
3. The Committee on Technology for Development will then open its third session with a meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 15 February 2021, using a web conferencing platform to be determined. It is scheduled to hold two meetings on each of the two days of the session. It will conclude its proceedings at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, 16 February 2021.
4. Each presentation made by the representative of the secretariat will last a few minutes only, 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.

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Thursday, 11 February 2021</u>	
10.30-11.30 a.m.	Side-event: Webinar on localized big data for effective decision-making in crisis situations. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.1/2021/CRP.1
<u>Monday, 15 February 2021</u>	
9.30-10 a.m.	Registration of participants on the web conferencing platform and connection tests.
10-10.10 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u> Opening of the session. Statement by the Chair of the second session of the Committee on Technology for Development. Statement by the ESCWA secretariat.
10.10-11 a.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.8/2021/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/C.8/2021/L.2
	Follow-up issues <u>Item 4</u> Implementation of activities under the ESCWA programme of work and of recommendations made by the Committee on Technology for Development at its second session. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2021/3
	<u>Item 5</u> Technical cooperation activities. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2021/4
11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Second meeting <u>Item 6</u> Activities of the ESCWA Technology Centre. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2021/5

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
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Monday, 15 February 2021 (*continued*)

Second meeting (*continued*)

Item 7

Meetings of directors of e-government programmes in Arab States.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2021/6

Tuesday, 16 February 2021

First meeting

Programmatic issues

10-11 a.m.

Item 8

Round-table discussion: Regional priorities for the coming years in the field of technology for development.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/C.8/2021/CRP.1

Second meeting

11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Item 9

Date and venue of the fourth session of the Committee on Technology for Development.

Item 10

Other matters.

Item 11

Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee on Technology for Development at its third session.

Draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption.
