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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 twelfth session of the Committee on Water Resources in order 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 this document and shall adopt it in that or an amended form.
2. The first meeting of the twelfth session will be convened at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 22 March 2017. The Committee is scheduled to hold four meetings: one in the morning and another in the afternoon on Wednesday; one in the morning on Thursday, 23 March 2017; and one in the morning on Friday, 24 March 2017, as shown in the next section. This arrangement aims to allow for parallel events, namely the Expert group meeting on methodologies for achieving the water-related SDGs at the national, regional and global levels (in two segments on 22 and 23 March 2017) and the commemoration of World Water Day (on 23 March 2017). The session will conclude at 12 p.m. on Friday, 24 March 2017.
3. Each presentation given by the secretariat shall be limited to 10-15 minutes and be followed by a discussion, which must not exceed 30 minutes. Should the discussion of an agenda item be concluded ahead of schedule, the next agenda item will be brought forward for discussion.

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Wednesday, 22 March 2017</u>		
Morning session		
9-9.30 a.m.		Registration of participants.
9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	<u>Item 1</u>	Opening of the 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/SDPD/2017/IG.1/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/L.2
	<u>Item 4</u>	Water in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:
		(a) The water-related Sustainable Development Goals;
		<i>For discussion</i>
		Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/3(Part I)
		(b) The water-energy nexus in the Arab region.
		<i>For discussion</i>
		Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/3(Part II)
Afternoon session		
2-4 p.m.	<u>Item 5</u>	Arab cooperation on shared water resources.
		<i>For discussion</i>
		Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/4
	<u>Item 6</u>	Regional cooperation for climate change adaptation in the Arab region.
		<i>For discussion</i>
		Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/5
Parallel events		
5-6.30 p.m.		– <i>Expert group meeting on methodologies for achieving the water-related SDGs at the national, regional and global levels</i>
7-8 p.m.		– <i>World Water Day: Wastewater</i>
8-9 p.m.		– <i>Reception</i>

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
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Thursday, 23 March 2017

Morning session

- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Item 7 Actions taken in the field of water resources since the eleventh session of the Committee on Water Resources:
- (a) Implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its eleventh session;
- For discussion*
Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/6(Part I)
- (b) Implementation of activities under the ESCWA programme of work.
- For discussion*
Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/6(Part II)
- Item 8 Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019 in the field of water resources.
- For discussion*
Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2017/IG.1/7

Parallel event

- 2-6 p.m. *(Resuming the) Expert group meeting on methodologies for achieving the water-related SDGs at the national, regional and global levels*

Friday, 24 March 2017

Morning session

- 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Item 9 Date and venue of the thirteenth session of the Committee on Water Resources.
- Item 10 Other matters.
- Item 11 Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee on Water Resources at its twelfth session.
- The draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption*
