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Beirut, 7-10 May 2012

Item 3 of the provisional agenda

ORGANIZATION OF WORK**Note by the secretariat**

1. The secretariat has prepared the proposed organization of work of the twenty-seventh session of the Commission in order to facilitate the consideration of the agenda items within the time limitations. The Commission will be presented with the proposed organization of work contained in this document and shall adopt it in that or an amended form.
2. The session convenes its first meeting of the senior officials segment on Monday, 7 May 2012, at 10 a.m. in the main Conference Hall at the United Nations House in Beirut. The meetings following the inaugural meeting shall start at 11.30 a.m. Two meetings will be held, one in the morning and one in the afternoon according to the annexed organization of work. The Commission will resume its work on Tuesday, 8 May 2012, at 9.30 a.m. and will hold two meetings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The ministerial segment of the session will start its meetings on Wednesday, 9 May 2012, and will hold one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon, in addition to a closed meeting for the heads of delegations. The twenty-seventh session of the Commission will conclude its proceedings on Thursday, 10 May 2012, at 3 p.m.
3. Each presentation made by the secretariat will last 10-15 minutes and the related discussion about 30 minutes. Should the discussion of one item be completed before the specified time, the meeting will move on to the next item.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
A. SENIOR OFFICIALS SEGMENT (7-8 MAY 2012)	
<u>Monday, 7 May 2012</u>	
9 - 10 a.m.	Registration of participants.
10 - 11 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u> Opening of the twenty-seventh session. Address by His Excellency..... Address by Ms. Rima Khalaf, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA.
	<u>Item 2</u> Election of officers.
	<u>Item 3</u> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/27/L.1 Document E/ESCWA/27/L.2
	<u>Item 4</u> Consideration of requests by States Members of the United Nations and/or its specialized agencies that are not members of ESCWA to participate as observers in the twenty-seventh session of the Commission. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/27/3
11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	First meeting
	<u>Item 6</u> Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission: (a) Programme performance report for the biennium 2010-2011; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/27/5(Part I) (b) Implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-sixth session; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/27/5(Part II)

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Monday, 7 May 2012 (continued)</u>	
2 - 4 p.m.	Second meeting
<u>Item 6</u> (continued)	(c) Technical cooperation programme and regional advisory services;
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/27/5(Part III)
	(d) Financial status of the Commission;
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/27/5(Part IV)
	(e) Reports of the subsidiary bodies on their sessions.
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/27/5(Part V)
4.30 - 5.30 p.m.	Closed meeting of the Drafting Committee:
	Consideration of proposed draft resolutions for adoption by the Commission.
<u>Tuesday, 8 May 2012</u>	
9.30 - 11.30 a.m.	Third meeting
<u>Item 7</u>	Management issues:
	(a) Streamlining the work of the Commission:
	(i) Evaluation of the work of ESCWA;
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/27/6(Part I)/A
	(ii) Establishment of a unit on strategic and intersectoral initiatives and policies at ESCWA.
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/27/6(Part I)/B
12 - 2 p.m.	Fourth meeting
	(b) Proposed amendments to the work programme for the biennium 2012-2013.
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/27/6(Part II)

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Tuesday, 8 May 2012 (continued)</u>	
<u>Item 8</u>	Revised draft strategic framework for the biennium 2014-2015. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/27/7
<u>Item 9</u>	Consideration of the request of Tunisia for membership in the Commission. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/27/8
3 - 4 p.m.	Resumption of the closed meeting of the Drafting Committee: Continue the consideration of proposed draft resolutions for adoption by the Commission and the recommendations of the senior officials segment.
4 - 5 p.m.	Fifth meeting Adoption of the recommendations of the senior officials segment.
B. MINISTERIAL SEGMENT (9-10 MAY 2012)	
<u>Wednesday, 9 May 2012</u>	
9.30 - 10.30 a.m.	Opening of the ministerial segment Address by His Excellency..... in Jordan. Address by His Excellencyin the United Arab Emirates. Message of Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations. Address by Ms. Rima Khalaf, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA. Address by His Excellency.....
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<u>Item 5</u> First meeting Policy issues in the ESCWA region: (a) The role of participation and social justice in achieving sustainable and balanced development; <i>Ministerial round-table discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/27/4(Part I)
2 - 4 p.m.	Second meeting (b) The preparations for Rio+20 in the Arab region; <i>Ministerial round-table discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/27/4(Part II)
4.30 - 5.30 p.m.	Closed meeting of heads of delegations.

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<u>Thursday, 10 May 2012</u>		
9.30 - 11.30 a.m.	Third meeting	
	<u>Item 5</u> (continued)	(c) Inclusive financing for small and medium-sized enterprises and creating job opportunities.
	<i>Ministerial round-table discussion</i>	
	Document E/ESCWA/27/4(Part III)	
12 - 1 p.m.	Launching of the ESCWA Guidelines on Cyberlegislation.	
2 - 3 p.m.	Fourth meeting	
	<u>Item 10</u>	Date and venue of the twenty-eighth session of the Commission.
	<u>Item 11</u>	Other matters.
	<u>Item 12</u>	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-seventh session.
	<i>For discussion</i>	
	Document E/ESCWA/27/9/Report	
