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

Committee on Women  
Sixth session  
Kuwait, 4-5 December 2013

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) prepared the proposed organization of work of the sixth session of the Committee on Women in order to facilitate the consideration of the agenda items within the specified timeframe. The Committee will be presented with the proposed organization of work enclosed in this document and shall adopt it as submitted or with amendments.
2. The opening session of the Committee on Women will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4 December 2013. The Committee is expected to convene six sessions during the two days of the session in accordance with the proposed organization of work annexed to this document.
3. Each presentation shall last 10 to 15 minutes and the following discussion 30 minutes. Should the discussion of an item be completed before the specified time, the meeting will move on to the next item. The sixth session of the Committee on Women will end at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 5 December 2013.

Annex**Proposed organization of work**

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Wednesday, 4 December 2013</u>		
<b>Morning</b>		
9-10 a.m.		Registration of delegations.
10 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/ECW/2013/IG.1/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/ECW/2013/IG.1/L.2
<b>Afternoon</b>		
2-3.30 p.m.	<u>Item 4</u>	Progress achieved in the field of advancement of women since the fifth session of the committee on women:
		(a) Implementation of activities related to the advancement of women under ESCWA programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013, and pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee on Women at its fifth session;
		<i>For discussion</i>
		Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2013/IG.1/3
		(b) Actions taken by member countries in the field of advancement of women pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee on Women at its fifth session.
		<i>Presentations by member country representatives</i>
3.30-4.30 p.m.	<u>Item 5</u>	Regional issues
		(a) Frameworks for combating violence against women in the Arab countries: national laws and international standards;
		<i>For discussion</i>
		Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2013/IG.1/4
		(b) Gender mainstreaming in public institutions in the Arab countries.
		<i>For discussion</i>
		Presentation made by the secretariat

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Thursday, 5 December 2013</u>		
<b>Morning</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<u>Item 6</u>	<p>International issues:</p> <p>(a) Arab women and gender equality in the post-2015 development agenda;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2013/IG.1/5</p> <p>(b) Preparations for the 20-year review of progress in the implementation of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+20).</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2013/IG.1/CRP.1</p>
<b>Afternoon</b>		
2-5 p.m.	<u>Item 7</u>	<p>Programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015 in the field of advancement of women.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2013/IG.1/6</p>
	<u>Item 8</u>	Date and venue of the seventh session of the Committee on Women.
	<u>Item 9</u>	Other matters.

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