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

Twenty-ninth session  
Doha, 13-15 December 2016

Item 3 of the provisional agenda

## **Organization of work**

### **Note by the secretariat**

1. The secretariat has prepared the proposed organization of work for the twenty-ninth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) to facilitate the consideration of the agenda items within time limitations. The Commission will be presented with the proposed organization of work contained in the present document and shall adopt it in that or an amended form.
2. The inaugural meeting of the session will start at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 13 December 2016. The senior officials segment will start at 9.15 a.m., with one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon, and resume at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 14 December 2016, according to the annexed organization of work. The senior officials segment will end at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday upon agreement by the participants on the recommendations and resolutions to be submitted for adoption at the ministerial segment.
3. The ministerial segment will open at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 December 2016, with a debate on its main theme, "Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Arab States", at 3 p.m. Three round-table discussions will be held, one on Wednesday and two on Thursday, 15 December 2016. The session will conclude at 5 p.m. on Thursday, with the adoption of a ministerial declaration on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Arab States, and the adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-ninth session, which contains the recommendations and resolutions.
4. Each presentation made by the secretariat will last for 10-15 minutes and the related discussion for 20-45 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 (13-14 DECEMBER 2016)		
<u>Tuesday, 13 December 2016</u>		
<b>Morning</b>		
8.30-9 a.m.		Registration of participants.
9-9.15 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u>	Opening of the twenty-ninth session.  Address by the representative of Bahrain, as Chair of the twenty-eighth session.  Address by the representative of the ESCWA secretariat.
9.15-11.30 a.m.		<b>First meeting</b>
	<u>Item 2</u>	Election of officers.
	<u>Item 3</u>	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.  <i>For discussion</i>  Documents E/ESCWA/29/L.1 and E/ESCWA/29/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-ninth session of the Commission.  <i>For discussion</i>  Document E/ESCWA/29/3
	<u>Item 5</u>	Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission:  (a) Implementation of the Tunis Declaration and other resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-eighth session;  <i>For discussion</i>  Document E/ESCWA/29/4(Part I)

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Tuesday, 13 December 2016 (*continued*)

(b) Reports of the Executive Committee on its meetings;

Report of the Executive Committee on its first meeting

E/ESCWA/2015/EC.1/8/Report

Report of the Executive Committee on its second meeting

E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/9/Report

(c) Reports of the ESCWA subsidiary bodies on their sessions;

Report of the Committee on Women on its seventh session,

E/ESCWA/ECW/2015/IG.1/7/Report

Report of the Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade,  
Economic Globalization and Financing for Development on its  
tenth session, E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.2/9/Report

Report of the Committee on Transport on its sixteenth session,

E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.3/6/Report

(d) Programme performance in the biennium 2014-2015;

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/29/4(Part IV)

(e) Technical cooperation and regional advisory services;

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/29/4(Part V)

11.45 a.m.-1.30 p.m.

**Second meeting**

Item 5  
(*continued*)

(f) Financial status of the Commission.

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/29/4(Part VI)

Item 6

Management issues:

(a) Evaluation of the work of the Commission;

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/29/5(Part I)

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Tuesday, 13 December 2016 (continued)

- Item 6 (continued) (b) Proposed amendments to the programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017.

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/29/5(Part II)

- Item 7 Revised draft strategic framework for the biennium 2018-2019.

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/29/6

**Afternoon**

3.30-5.30 p.m.

**Third meeting**

- Item 8 Outcomes of the 2016 Arab Forum on Sustainable Development.

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/29/7

- Item 9 Justice for the Palestinian people - Fifty years of Israeli occupation:

- (a) The question of apartheid;

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/29/8(Part I)

- (b) Premises and approach for calculating the cumulative cost of the occupation;

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/29/8(Part II)

- (c) Communication strategy to support the Palestinian people.

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/29/8(Part III)

**Closed meeting of the drafting committee**

Consideration of the proposed draft resolutions for adoption by the Commission.

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Wednesday, 14 December 2016

**Morning**

**Fourth meeting**

9-11 a.m.

Item 10

Achieving social justice in the Arab region: from concept and vision to policy and practice.

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/29/9

Item 11

Gender mainstreaming in public institutions.

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/29/10

11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

**Closed meeting of the drafting committee**

Consideration of the proposed draft resolutions and recommendations of the senior officials segment for adoption by the Commission.

**B. MINISTERIAL SEGMENT (14-15 DECEMBER 2016)**

Wednesday, 14 December 2016

**Afternoon**

2-3p.m.

Item 12

Opening of the ministerial segment.

Address by the representative of Bahrain, as Chair of the twenty-eighth session.

Message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Address by the representative of Qatar, as Chair of the twenty-ninth session.

Address by the Executive Secretary of ESCWA.

Screening of a short video on the first Model ESCWA in the Arab region.

**First meeting**

3-5 p.m.

Item 13

Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Arab States

**Main theme of the session**

Document E/ESCWA/29/11

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Wednesday, 14 December 2016 (continued)</u>		
	<u>Item 13</u> (continued)	<i>First round-table discussion</i>
		(a) Challenges facing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the national level;
		Document E/ESCWA/29/11/WP.1
<b>6-8 p.m.</b>		<b>Ministerial dinner</b>
<u>Thursday, 15 December 2016</u>		
<b>Morning</b>		
9-11 a.m.	<u>Item 13</u> (continued)	<i>Second round-table discussion</i>
		(b) The impact of conflict and occupation on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
		Document E/ESCWA/29/11/WP.2
		<b>Third meeting</b>
11.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.		<i>Third round-table discussion</i>
		(c) Supporting member States in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: methods and tools.
		Document E/ESCWA/29/11/WP.3
<b>Afternoon</b>		
2.45-3 p.m.		<b>Signing of a memorandum of understanding between Qatar and ESCWA</b>
3-4 p.m.		<b>Closed meeting of the drafting committee</b>
4-5 p.m.		<b>Fourth meeting</b>
	<u>Item 14</u>	Date and venue of the thirtieth session of the Commission.
	<u>Item 15</u>	Other matters.
	<u>Item 16</u>	Adoption of a ministerial declaration on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Arab States and of other resolutions.
	<u>Item 17</u>	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-ninth session.
		Document E/ESCWA/29/9/Report
5-5.30 p.m.		<b>Press conference</b>

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