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and Financing for Development
Eleventh session (Liberalization of foreign trade)
Beirut, 27-28 November 2017



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 eleventh session of the Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade, Economic Globalization and Financing for Development 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 Committee will start its meetings at 10 a.m. on Monday, 27 November 2017. It is scheduled to hold three meetings: two on the first day and one in on the second day as shown in the next section. The session will conclude at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 28 November 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>Monday, 27 November 2017</u>	
Morning	
9-10 a.m.	Registration of participants.
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	First meeting
<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/EDID/2017/IG.3/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.3/L.2
<u>Item 4</u>	Progress achieved in the liberalization of foreign trade: (a) Implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its tenth session; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.3/3(Part I) (b) Implementation of foreign trade liberalization activities under the ESCWA programme of work and technical cooperation since the tenth session of the Committee. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.3/3(Part II)
<u>Item 5</u>	Transport and connectivity to global value chains. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2016/IG.1/4(Part I)/Rev.1
Afternoon	
2-4 p.m.	Second meeting
<u>Item 6</u>	Trade and the Sustainable Development Goals. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.3/4
<u>Item 7</u>	Implementation of trade facilitation measures in the Arab region. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.3/5
<u>Item 8</u>	The cost of the lack of Arab-African trade integration. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.3/6

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
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Monday, 27 November 2017 (continued)

Afternoon

Second meeting

- Item 9 Progress in the process of establishing an Arab customs union.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.3/7

Tuesday, 28 November 2017

Morning

Third meeting

- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Item 10 The role of trade in economic transformation policies: the case of Jordan.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.3/8
- Item 11 Mega international trade agreements and their implications on Arab States.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.3/9
- Item 12 Arab regional integration: regionalism and multilateralism.
Panel discussion
- Item 13 Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019 in the field of foreign trade liberalization.
For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.3/10
- Item 14 Date and venue of the next session of the Committee.
- Item 15 Other matters.
- Item 16 Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee at its eleventh session.
The draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption
