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Twelfth session (Financing for Development)

Beirut, 4-5 December 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 twelfth 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 the 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 its current or amended form.
2. The Committee will start its meetings at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 4 December 2017. It is scheduled to hold two meetings, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, on each of the two days of the session. The session will conclude its proceedings at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 5 December 2017.
3. Each presentation given by the secretariat shall be limited to 10-15 minutes and the following discussion to 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 | |
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| <u>Monday, 4 December 2017</u> | | |
| Morning | | |
| 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/EDID/2017/IG.2/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.2/L.2 |
| | <u>Item 4</u> | Actions taken in the field of financing for development: |
| | | (a) Implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its previous session; |
| | | <i>For discussion</i> |
| | | Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.2/3(Part I) |
| | | (b) Implementation of activities related to financing for development under the ESCWA programme of work since the previous session of the Committee. |
| | | <i>For discussion</i> |
| | | Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.2/3(Part II) |
| | <u>Item 5</u> | Implementation mechanisms of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda: global commitments versus Arab priorities in the field of financing for development. |
| | | <i>For discussion</i> |
| | | Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.2/4 |
| Afternoon | | |
| 2-4 p.m. | <u>Item 6</u> | The Arab Financing for Development Scorecard: |
| | | (a) Overall results; |
| | | <i>For discussion</i> |
| | | Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.2/5(Part I) |

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Item 6 (b) Domestic and international private business and public finance;
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For discussion

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(c) International development cooperation;

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.2/5(Part IV)

(d) International trade as an engine for development;

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.2/5(Part V)

(e) Debt and debt sustainability.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.2/5(Part VI)

Tuesday, 5 December 2017**Morning**

9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Item 7 Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Arab region:

(a) Domestic resource mobilization by curbing illicit financial flows and trade misinvoicing;

Panel discussion

Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.2/6/Panel

(b) The Arab Financing for Development Scorecard: domestic public resources.

For Discussion

Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.2/5(Part II)

Afternoon

2-4 p.m.

Item 8 Feasibility of an Arab forum on financing for development

For discussion

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Tuesday, 5 December 2017 (continued)

Item 9 Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019 in the field of financing for development.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2017/IG.2/8

Item 10 Date and venue of the next session (on financing for development) of the Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade, Economic Globalization and Financing for Development.

Item 11 Other matters.

Item 12 Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee at its twelfth session.

The draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption
