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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 ninth session of the Committee on Water Resources in order to facilitate the consideration of the agenda items within the time limitations. The Committee will be presented with the proposed organization of work contained in the annex to this document and shall adopt it in that or an amended form.
2. The first meeting of the ninth session will be convened on Wednesday, 23 March 2011 at 10 a.m. The Committee is scheduled to hold two meetings, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, on each of the three days of the session as shown in the annex. The session will conclude on Friday, 25 March 2011 at 3 p.m.
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.

Annex**Proposed organization of work**

Date/Time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Wednesday, 23 March 2011</u>		
Morning session		
9-10 a.m.		Registration of participants.
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/SDPD/2011/IG.1/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/SDPD/2011/IG.1/L.2
	<u>Item 4</u>	Status of the vulnerability assessment of the Arab water sector to climate change.
		<i>For discussion</i>
		Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2011/IG.1/3
Afternoon session		
2-4 p.m.	<u>Item 5</u>	Regional initiative for the development of a mechanism to monitor the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals related to water and sanitation in the Arab region (MDG+).
		<i>For discussion</i>
		Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2011/IG.1/4
<u>Thursday, 24 March 2011</u>		
Morning session		
9.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	<u>Item 6</u>	Integrated management of shared water resources: (a) Development of a regional legal framework for shared water resources in the Arab region;
		<i>For discussion</i>
		Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2011/IG.1/5(Part I)
		(b) Lessons learned from the experience in shared water resources management of the region of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).
		<i>For discussion</i>
		Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2011/IG.1/5(Part II)

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Thursday, 24 March 2011 (continued)

Presentations by member country representatives on the institutional and legal measures taken for the management of shared water resources in their respective countries.

Afternoon session

- 2-4 p.m. Item 7 Review of actions taken in the field of water resources since the eighth session of the Committee on Water Resources:
- (a) Implementation of recommendations made by the Committee on Water Resources at its eighth session;
- For discussion*
- Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2011/IG.1/6(Part I)
- (b) Implementation of water resources-related activities under ESCWA programme of work.
- For discussion*
- Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2011/IG.1/6(Part II)

Friday, 25 March 2011

Morning session

- 9-11 a.m. Item 8 Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013 in the field of water resources.
- For discussion*
- Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2011/IG.1/7
- Item 9 Date and venue of the tenth session of the Committee on Water Resources.

Afternoon session

- 12-3 p.m. Item 10 Other matters.
- Item 11 Adoption of the report of the Committee on Water Resources on its ninth session.
- Draft report will be submitted for discussion and adoption*
