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

Executive Committee  
Second meeting  
Amman, 14-16 December 2015

Item 2 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 of the second meeting of the Executive Committee in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within time limitations. The Committee will be presented with the proposed organization of work enclosed in this document and shall adopt it in that or an amended form.
2. The Executive Committee will begin its meetings with an opening session at 10 a.m. on Monday, 14 December 2015. It will start its working sessions at 10.15 a.m. and will hold two sessions on each of the three days, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, as shown in the annex. The Committee will conclude its proceedings at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 16 December 2015.
3. Each presentation made by the secretariat shall last 10 to 15 minutes and the following discussion 30 to 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	
<u>Monday, 14 December 2015</u>		
<b>Morning</b>		
9.30-10 a.m.		Registration of participants.
10-10.15 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u>	<b>Opening session</b> Speech by the representative of Bahrain as Chair of the second meeting of the Executive Committee.  Speech by Ms. Rima Khalaf, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA.
		<b>First session</b>
10.15 a.m.-1 p.m.	<u>Item 2</u>	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.  <i>For discussion</i> Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/L.2
	<u>Item 3</u>	Follow-up issues:  (a) Implementation of recommendations made by the Executive Committee at its first meeting;  <i>For discussion</i> E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/3(Part I)  (b) Implementation of the Tunis Declaration on Social Justice in the Arab Region and resolutions adopted by ESCWA at its twenty-eighth session.  <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/3(Part II)
	<u>Item 4</u>	Global and regional issues:  (a) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: ESCWA strategy and plan of action;  <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/4(Part I)

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Monday, 14 December 2015</u> ( <i>continued</i> )		
<b>Afternoon</b> 2-5 p.m.	<u>Item 4</u> ( <i>continued</i> )	<p data-bbox="612 331 799 358"><b>Second session</b></p> <p data-bbox="612 416 1294 479">(b) The Sustainable Development Goals: setting regional progress indicators;</p> <p data-bbox="612 517 788 544"><i>For discussion</i></p> <p data-bbox="612 566 1123 593">Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/4(Part II)</p> <p data-bbox="612 631 1286 658">(c) Implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda;</p> <p data-bbox="612 696 788 723"><i>For discussion</i></p> <p data-bbox="612 745 1134 772">Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/4(Part III)</p> <p data-bbox="612 810 1281 873">(d) Technology mechanisms to advance the Sustainable Development Goals in the Arab region;</p> <p data-bbox="612 911 788 938"><i>For discussion</i></p> <p data-bbox="612 960 1134 987">Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/4(Part IV)</p>
<u>Tuesday, 15 December 2015</u>		
<b>Morning</b>	<u>Item 4</u> ( <i>continued</i> )	<p data-bbox="612 1099 788 1126"><b>Third session</b></p> <p data-bbox="612 1149 1098 1176">(e) Paris Conference on climate change;</p> <p data-bbox="612 1214 788 1240"><i>For discussion</i></p> <p data-bbox="612 1263 1123 1290">Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/4(Part V)</p> <p data-bbox="612 1328 1350 1391">(f) Governance of international migration in the Arab region: promising practices;</p> <p data-bbox="612 1429 788 1456"><i>For discussion</i></p> <p data-bbox="612 1478 1134 1505">Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/4(Part VI)</p> <p data-bbox="612 1543 1374 1606">(g) The impact of conflict and instability on development in the Arab region;</p> <p data-bbox="612 1644 788 1671"><i>For discussion</i></p> <p data-bbox="612 1693 1145 1720">Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/4(Part VII)</p> <p data-bbox="612 1758 1278 1821">(h) Israeli occupation of Palestine: social and economic repercussions and violation of international law.</p> <p data-bbox="612 1859 788 1886"><i>For discussion</i></p> <p data-bbox="612 1908 1155 1935">Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/4(Part VIII)</p>

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<u>Tuesday, 15 December 2015 (continued)</u>		
<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Fourth session</b>	
2-5 p.m.	<u>Item 5</u>	Proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2018-2019. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/5
	<u>Item 6</u>	Preparations for the ESCWA twenty-ninth session. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/6
	<u>Item 7</u>	Session reports of the ESCWA subsidiary bodies:  (a) Report of the Committee on Water Resources on its eleventh session; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2015/IG.2/8/Report  (b) Report of the Committee on Social Development on its tenth session. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/SDD/2015/IG.1/6/Report
<u>Wednesday, 16 December 2015</u>		
<b>Morning</b>	<b>Fifth session</b>	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<u>Item 8</u>	ESCWA Technical Cooperation Network:  (a) Evaluation of the Network; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/8(Part I)  (b) Proposed terms of reference; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/8(Part II)  (c) Work plan for the biennium 2016-2017. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/8(Part III)
	<u>Item 9</u>	Date and venue of the third meeting of the Executive Committee.

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Wednesday, 16 December 2015 (*continued*)

**Afternoon**

3.15-5 p.m.

Item 10

**Sixth session**

Other matters.

Item 11

Adoption of the recommendations made by the Executive Committee at its second meeting.

*Draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption.*

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