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

Committee on Social Development  
Seventh session  
Beirut, 26-27 October 2009

Item 3 of the provisional agenda

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## ANNOTATIONS

### 1. Opening of the session

The opening meeting will begin at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 26 October 2009. The representative of Jordan, Mrs. Sanaa Hikmat Mihyar, in her capacity as Chairman of the sixth session of the Committee, will give a welcome statement and Mr. Bader Omar AlDafa, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA, will deliver the opening statement, which will be followed by an address by the Minister of Social Affairs of Lebanon under whose auspices the session will be held.

### 2. Election of officers

Pursuant to rule 18 of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Commission, "Member countries shall assume the chairmanship of the sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on a rotating basis, in the Arabic alphabetical order employed by the United Nations. Unless the Commission decides otherwise, those bodies shall elect all their other officers".\* Pursuant to that rule, the United Arab Emirates will assume the chairmanship of the seventh session of the Committee, succeeding Jordan, which assumed the chairmanship of the sixth session, from 5 March 2007 to the convening of the seventh session on 26 August 2009. The Committee shall elect from its members two vice-chairmen and a rapporteur.

### 3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Pursuant to rule 8 of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Commission, which apply to subsidiary bodies, "At the beginning of each session, once the Chairman has assumed his duties in accordance with rule 12, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session". The Committee will be presented with the provisional agenda and annotations in document E/ESCWA/SDD/2009/IG.1/L.1.

The Committee will also be presented with document E/ESCWA/SDD/2009/IG.1/L.2 containing the proposed organization of work of this session. The Committee may adopt that document as submitted or after introducing amendments to it.

### 4. Progress achieved in carrying out social development-related activities under ESCWA programme of work since the sixth session of the Committee on Social Development (E/ESCWA/SDD/2009/IG.1/3)

The Committee will review the progress made in implementing social development-related activities under ESCWA programme of work since its sixth session. Representatives of member countries will be invited to give their comments and recommendations on the activities.

### 5. Follow-up on priority issues in the field of social development in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/SDD/2009/IG.1/4)

The Committee will be presented with three reports on the following priority issues in the field of social development. Representatives of member countries will be invited to give their comments and recommendations on those reports.

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\* The list of ESCWA member countries in Arabic alphabetical order is as follows: Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Yemen.

(a) Social inclusion (E/ESCWA/SDD/2009/IG.1/4(Part I))

This report contains a review of social inclusion policies as essential policies to solve the problems resulting from social exclusion, reduce poverty and ensure more equitable human development patterns.

(b) Participatory social development (E/ESCWA/SDD/2009/IG.1/4(Part II))

This report elaborates on the definition of participatory social development through relevant policies, their implementation tracks and the issues affecting their processes. It presents ESCWA participatory development approach, the factors contributing to its advancement and the outlines of its implementation.

(c) Youth in development policies (E/ESCWA/SDD/2009/IG.1/4(Part III))

This report focuses on the need to reconsider the planning method of the policies related to the youth as having an impact on social change, economic development and technological innovation.

6. Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 in the field of social development (E/ESCWA/SDD/2009/IG.1/5)

The Committee will consider the programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 in the field of social development. The programme of work was prepared in accordance with the strategic framework for the biennium 2010-2011, which was adopted by ESCWA at its twenty-fifth session held in Sana'a from 26 to 29 May 2008. Representatives of member countries will be requested to review the proposed programme of work in the field of social development, make comments and put forward suggestions.

7. Date and venue of the eighth session of the Committee

The Committee will discuss the date and venue of its eighth session which will be held in 2011.

8. Other matters

This item shall cover any other matters that the members of the Committee wish to discuss.

9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its seventh session

The Committee will consider the draft report on its seventh session, including recommendations, that is contained in document E/ESCWA/SDD/2000/IG.1/L.6 and adopt it as submitted or after introducing amendments thereto.

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