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

Committee on Transport  
Fifteenth session  
Rabat, 27-28 January 2015

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 of the fifteenth session of the Committee on Transport in order to facilitate the consideration of the agenda items within the time limitations. The proposed organization of work is enclosed in this document and shall be adopted by the Committee in that or an amended form.
2. The Committee will begin its work at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 27 January 2015. It is scheduled to hold two meetings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, on Tuesday and on Wednesday 28 January 2015, concluding its proceedings at 5 p.m. as shown in the annex.
3. Each presentation made by the secretariat shall last 10 to 15 minutes and the following discussion 20 to 30 minutes. Should the discussion of one item be completed before the specified time, the meeting shall move on to the next item.

Annex

**Proposed organization of work**

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Tuesday, 27 January 2015</u>	
<b>Morning</b>	
9-9.30 a.m.	Registration of participants.
9.30 a.m.-12.30 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/EDGD/2014/IG.1/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/EDGD/2014/IG.1/L.2
<u>Item 4</u>	Progress achieved in the field of transport since the fourteenth session of the Committee on Transport:  (a) Implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee at its fourteenth session;  <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2014/IG.1/3(Part I)  (b) Implementation of transport-related activities under the ESCWA programme of work.  <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2014/IG.1/3(Part II)
<u>Item 5</u>	Progress achieved in implementing the components of the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq.  (a) Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq;  <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2014/IG.1/4(Part I)  (b) Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq.  <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2014/IG.1/4(Part II)

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Tuesday, 27 January 2015 (continued)

**Afternoon**

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| 1.30-4.30 p.m. | <u>Item 6</u> | <p>Enhancing transport and trade logistics in the Arab region for better linkage with regional and international value chains:</p> <p>(a) Arab land connectivity scheme;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Presentation made by the representative of the League of Arab States</p> <p>(b) Logistics efficiency and trade costs;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2014/IG.1/5(Part I)</p> <p>(c) Methodology used in developing an indicator for the assessment of infrastructure efficiency;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Presentation made by the representative of the United Nations Office for Project Services</p> <p>(d) Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2014/IG.1/CRP.1</p> |
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Wednesday, 28 January 2015

**Morning**

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| 9 a.m.-noon | <u>Item 6</u><br>(continued) | <p>(e) Trade logistics in the Arab region: challenges and policy options;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2014/IG.1/5(Part II)</p>   |
|             | <u>Item 7</u>                | <p>Round table on the experiences of Arab countries in enhancing the efficiency of transport and trade logistics.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Presentations made by representatives of member States</p> |

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Wednesday, 28 January 2015 (continued)

12-12.30 p.m.      Item 8      Impact of conflict on transport and trade in the Arab region.

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2014/IG.1/CRP.3

**Afternoon**

1.30-3 p.m.      Item 9      Harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in the Arab region: terms of reference for the assessment of the status of transport legislation.

(Fourth meeting of the Working Group)

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2014/IG.1/6

3-5 p.m.      Item 10      Programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017 in the field of transport.

*For discussion*

Document E/ESCWA/EDGD/2014/IG.1/7

Item 11      Date and venue of the sixteenth session of the Committee on Transport.

Item 12      Other matters.

Item 13      Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee on Transport at its fifteenth session.

*Draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption*

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