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Executive Committee  
Sixth meeting  
Marrakech, Morocco, 15-16 June 2019



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 sixth 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 hold an opening session at 9 a.m. on Saturday, 15 June 2019. It will start its working sessions at 9.15 a.m. and will hold two sessions on each of the two days during which it is being convened, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, as shown in the next section of this document. The Committee will conclude its proceedings at 5 p.m. on Sunday, 16 June 2019.
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.

### Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Saturday, 15 June 2019</u>		
<b>Morning</b>		
8-9 a.m.		Registration of participants.
9-9.15 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u>	<p>Opening of the meeting.</p> <p>Speech by the representative of Tunisia, the country chairing the thirtieth session of ESCWA.</p> <p>Speech by the representative of the ESCWA secretariat.</p> <p>Speech by the representative of Morocco.</p>
9.15 a.m.-1 p.m.		<p><b>First session</b></p> <p><u>Item 2</u> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. <i>For discussion</i> Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/L.2</p> <p><b>Follow-up issues</b></p> <p><u>Item 3</u> Implementation of recommendations made by the Executive Committee at its fifth meeting. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/3</p> <p><u>Item 4</u> Implementation of the Beirut Consensus on Technology for Sustainable Development in the Arab Region:</p> <p>(a) Activities undertaken by the ESCWA secretariat; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/4</p> <p>(b) Activities undertaken by member States. <i>For discussion</i> Briefings by State representatives.</p>

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Saturday, 15 June 2019 (continued)</u>	
<b>Morning</b>	
9.15 a.m.-1 p.m.	<b>Regional and global issues</b>
<u>Item 5</u>	<p>Summary of the Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the Arab Region 2018-2019.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/5</p>
<u>Item 6</u>	<p>Assessing Arab economic integration: trade in services as a driver of growth and development.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/6</p>
<b>Afternoon</b>	
2 p.m.-5 p.m.	<b>Second session: regional and global issues (continued)</b>
<u>Item 7</u>	<p>Monitoring and evaluating Arab economic integration.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/7</p>
<u>Item 8</u>	<p>Social expenditure monitor for Arab States.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/8</p>
<u>Item 9</u>	<p>Multidimensional poverty in the Arab region: regional and national reduction efforts.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/9</p>
<u>Item 10</u>	<p>Social and economic situation of Palestinian women and girls.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/10</p>

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Sunday, 16 June 2019</u>	
<b>Morning</b>	
9 a.m.-1 p.m.	<b>Third session: regional and global issues</b> ( <i>continued</i> )
	<u>Item 11</u> Rethinking barriers to women's economic participation in the Arab region. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/11
	<u>Item 12</u> Supporting institutions in tackling weaknesses and fragilities: methodology for institutional capacity assessment. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/12
	<b>Programmatic issues</b>
	<u>Item 13</u> Follow-up on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Arab region:  (a) Activities of the Unit on the 2030 Agenda; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/13(Part I)  (b) Outcomes of the 2019 Arab Forum on Sustainable Development. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/13(Part II)
	<u>Item 14</u> Reports of ESCWA subsidiary bodies:  (a) Report of the Committee on Transport and Logistics on its nineteenth session E/ESCWA/C.5/2018/6/Report;  (b) Report of the Statistical Committee on its thirteenth session E/ESCWA/C.1/2019/8/Report;  (c) Report of the Committee on Technology for Development on its second session E/ESCWA/C.8/2019/14/Report.
<b>Afternoon</b>	
2 p.m.-5 p.m.	<b>Fourth session: programmatic issues</b> ( <i>continued</i> )
	<u>Item 15</u> Evaluation of Executive Committee meetings. <i>For discussion</i> Presentation by the ESCWA secretariat.

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<u>Sunday, 16 June 2019</u> ( <i>continued</i> )		
<b>Afternoon</b>		
2 p.m.-5 p.m.	<u>Item 16</u>	Preparations for the thirty-first ESCWA session. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/EC.6/2019/15
	<u>Item 17</u>	United Nations reform: regional dimension and ESCWA vision. <i>For discussion</i> Presentation by the ESCWA secretariat.
	<u>Item 18</u>	Date and venue of the seventh meeting of the Executive Committee.
	<u>Item 19</u>	Other matters.
	<u>Item 20</u>	Adoption of the recommendations made by the Executive Committee at its sixth meeting.  <i>Draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption.</i>

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