



Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Committee on Transport
Sixteenth session
Cairo, 23-24 November 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 sixteenth session of the Committee on Transport in order to facilitate the consideration of the agenda items within 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 3 p.m. on Monday, 23 November 2015. Prior to the opening of the session, a joint meeting will be convened by the secretariat for delegates participating in the sixteenth session of the Committee on Transport and delegates participating in the tenth session of the Committee on the Liberalization of Foreign Trade, Economic Globalization and Financing for Development (which is also held in Cairo, on 22 and 23 November 2015) to launch the ESCWA report entitled "Assessment of the Arab Economic Integration: From the greater Arab Free Trade Area to an Arab Customs Union" and present its outcomes. The report is scheduled to be published towards the end of 2015. The joint meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday 23 November 2015 at the venue of the meetings of both Committees, Marriott Hotel (Al-Jazeera) in Cairo.
3. The Committee on Transport is scheduled to hold one meeting on Monday and two meetings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, on Tuesday 24 November 2015, concluding its proceedings at 4.30 p.m. as shown in the next section of this document.
4. 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.

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
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Monday, 23 November 2015

Afternoon

3-3.30 p.m. Registration of participants.

3.30-6.30 p.m.

Item 1 Opening of the session.

Item 2 Election of officers.

Item 3 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

For discussion

Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.3/L.1

Organization of work E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.3/L.2

Item 4 Transport and logistics in the Arab region:

(a) National trade and transport facilitation committees;

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.3/3(Part I)

(b) Results of the trade and transport facilitation survey;

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.3/3(Part II)

(c) The ePlatform for the follow-up on the implementation of the components of the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq (ITSAM);

For discussion

Visual presentation and document E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.3/3(Part III)

(d) Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on Maritime Transport Cooperation in the Arab Mashreq.

For Discussion

Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.3/3(Part IV)

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Tuesday, 24 November 2015</u>		
Morning		
9 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	Item 5	<p>Progress achieved in the field of transport since the fifteenth session of the Committee on Transport:</p> <p>(a) Implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee at its fifteenth session;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.3/4(Part I)</p> <p>(b) Implementation of transport-related activities under the ESCWA programme of work;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.3/4(Part II)</p> <p>(c) Feedback of member State representatives on the proceedings of the fifteenth session of the Committee;</p> <p><i>Visual presentation</i></p> <p>(d) Updating the Agreement on International Railways, the Agreement on International Roads and the Memorandum of Understanding on Maritime Transport Cooperation in the Arab Mashreq to include the Maghreb States that have recently joined ESCWA.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.3/4(Part III)</p>
Afternoon		
2-4.30 p.m.	<u>Item 6</u>	<p>Road safety:</p> <p>(a) The status of road safety in the Arab region;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.3/5(Part I)</p> <p>(b) A proposed ESCWA manual on road safety management systems;</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.3/5(Part II)</p> <p>(c) Experiences of Arab countries in managing road safety (round-table discussion);</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.3/5(Part III)</p>

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Tuesday, 24 November 2015 (*continued*)

(d) Brasilia Declaration on Road Safety.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2015/IG.3/5(Part IV)

Item 7 Date and venue of the seventeenth session of the Committee on Transport.

Item 8 Other matters.

Item 9 Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee on Transport at its sixteenth session.

Draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption
