

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA

Twenty-third session
Damascus, 9-12 May 2005

Item 4 of the provisional agenda

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday, 9 May 2005

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Registration of participants.

Inaugural meeting

5 - 6 p.m.

Item 1

Opening of the twenty-third session.

6 - 6.30 p.m.

Closed meeting for heads of delegation.

6.30 - 8 p.m.

First meeting

Item 2

Election of officers.

Item 3

Adoption of the agenda.

Item 4

Proposed organization of work.

Item 5

Consideration of requests by States Members of the United Nations and/or its specialized agencies that are not members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) to participate as observers in the twenty-third session of the Commission.

Item 9

Adoption of the memorandum of understanding on cooperation in the field of maritime transport in the Arab Mashreq.

Note: Should the discussion of any agenda item take less time than has been allocated thereto, discussion shall proceed to the next agenda item.

Tuesday, 10 May 2005

9.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Second meeting

Item 6 (a)

Round table on priority issues in the Western Asia region: Peace and security and their impact on economic and social development.

Item 7

Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission:

- (a) Implementation of 2004-2005 biennium regular budget activities;
- (b) The financial and budgetary position;
- (c) The technical cooperation programme and regional advisory services;
- (d) Recommendations of the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services on its audit of the regional commissions.

Item 8

General debate: summary of the issues of which the twenty-third session is seized.

4 - 7.30 p.m.

Third meeting

Item 6 (b)

Round table on priority issues in the Western Asia region: Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in ESCWA member countries.

Item 10

Draft programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007.

Item 11

Cooperation between ESCWA and the League of Arab States.

(6.30 - 7.30 p.m.)

Interactive presentation of the projects that ESCWA hopes to implement in member countries with a view to strengthening national development capacities and regional integration.*

Wednesday, 11 May 2005

9.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fourth meeting

Item 6 (c)

Round table on priority issues in the Western Asia region: Social policies in ESCWA member countries.

Item 12

Date and venue of the twenty-fourth session of the Commission.

Item 13

Other business.

Interactive demonstration presented by the ESCWA regional advisers on regional advisory service activities.

* The demonstration will take place as a side-event to the general session meetings, in meeting room 2.

Wednesday, 11 May 2005 (continued)

(11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Drafting committee.**

4 - 7 p.m.

Drafting committee.

Thursday, 12 May 2005

10.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Closed meeting for heads of delegation.

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fifth meeting

Item 14

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-third session.

** The meeting of the drafting committee will be held in parallel with the meetings of the general session.

