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Technical Committee
Eighth meeting
Amman, 10-12 December 2013

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) prepared the proposed organization of work of the eighth meeting of the Technical Committee in order to facilitate the consideration of the agenda items within the 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 Technical Committee will begin its meetings with an opening session at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 10 December 2013, at Kempinsky Hotel in Amman. The Committee will start its working sessions at 10.15 a.m. with one session in the morning and two sessions in the afternoon. It will resume its work at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday 11 and 12 December 2013 with one session in the morning and another in the afternoon each day, as shown in the annex. The Committee will conclude its proceedings at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 12 December 2013.
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.

Annex**Proposed organization of work**

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Tuesday, 10 December 2013</u>	
Morning	
9.30-10 a.m.	Registration of participants.
10-10.30 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u>
	Opening session
	Speech by the representative of the United Arab Emirates as Chair of the Technical Committee.
	Speech by Ms. Rima Khalaf, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA.
	First session
10.30-10.45 a.m.	<u>Item 2</u>
	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/2013/C.8/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/2013/C.8/L.2
11 a.m.-1 p.m.	<u>Item 3</u>
	Progress achieved in the work of the secretariat:
	(a) Implementation of resolutions adopted by ESCWA at its twenty-seventh session;
	<i>For discussion</i>
	E/ESCWA/2013/C.8/3(Part I)
	(b) Implementation of recommendations made by the Technical Committee at its seventh meeting.
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/2013/C.8/3(Part II)
Afternoon	
Second session	
2-5 p.m.	<u>Item 4</u>
	Proposed ESCWA strategic framework for the biennium 2016-2017.
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/2013/C.8/4

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Wednesday, 11 December 2013</u>		
Morning		Third session
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<u>Item 4</u> (continued)	Proposed ESCWA strategic framework for the biennium 2016-2017. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2013/C.8/4
Afternoon		Fourth session
2-3 p.m.	<u>Item 5</u>	Review of the activities of the technical cooperation network. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2013/C.8/5
3.15-5 p.m.	<u>Item 6</u>	Regional and global priorities: (a) Sustainable development goals; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2013/C.8/6(Part I)
<u>Thursday, 12 December 2013</u>		
Morning		Fifth session
10-11 a.m.	<u>Item 6</u> (continued)	(b) Improving statistical data to monitor the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda in the Arab countries; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2013/C.8/6(Part II)
11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m.		(c) Economic modelling for enhanced policymaking. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2013/C.8/6(Part III)
Afternoon		Sixth session
1-2.30 p.m.	<u>Item 7</u>	Establishing a committee on emerging issues and development in conflict settings. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2013/C.8/7
2.30-4 p.m.	Item 8	Revision of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2013/C.8/8

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Thursday, 12 December 2013 (continued)</u>		
4.15-6 p.m.	<u>Item 9</u>	Preparations for the ESCWA twenty-eighth session. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/2013/C.8/9
	<u>Item 10</u>	Date and venue of the ninth meeting of the Technical Committee.
	<u>Item 11</u>	Other matters.
	Item 12	Adoption of the recommendations made by the Technical Committee at its eighth meeting. <i>Draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption.</i>
