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Technical Committee  
Second meeting  
Beirut, 3-4 November 2008

Item 2 of the agenda

**ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

**Note by the secretariat**

1. The secretariat prepared the proposed organization of work for the second meeting of the Technical Committee in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time assigned to each item. The Committee may adopt it in the form in which it is submitted or make amendments thereto.
2. The first session of the second meeting of the Committee will be convened on 3 November 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Two sessions per day are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The meeting will conclude at 16:00 on Tuesday, 4 November 2008.
3. Each presentation made by the secretariat is expected to be limited to 10-15 minutes, the discussion to 30 minutes per presentation. If the discussion of an agenda item is concluded ahead of schedule, the next agenda item will be brought forward for discussion.

Annex

**Organization of work**

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Monday, 3 November 2008</u>	
Morning	
9:30 - 10:00	Registration of participants.
10:00 - 13:00	
<u>Item 1</u>	Opening of the second meeting of the Technical Committee.
<u>Item 2</u>	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. <i>For discussion</i> Provisional agenda and annotations (E/ESCWA/2008/C.2/L.1) Organization of work (E/ESCWA/2008/C.2/L.2)
<u>Item 3</u>	Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011. <i>For discussion</i> Document (E/ESCWA/2008/C.2/3)
Afternoon	
14:30 - 17:00	
<u>Item 4</u>	Follow-up to the twenty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia:  (a) Implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-fifth session; <i>For discussion</i> Document (E/ESCWA/2008/C.2/4(Part I))  (b) Outcome of the evaluation of the twenty-fifth session. <i>For discussion</i> Document (E/ESCWA/2008/C.2/4(Part II))
<u>Item 5</u>	Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, 29 November – 2 December 2008). <i>For discussion</i> Document (E/ESCWA/2008/C.2/5)

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Tuesday, 4 November 2008</u>	
Morning	
10:00 - 13:00	
<u>Item 6</u>	<p>Activities of the secretariat:</p> <p>(a) Activities carried out since May 2008:</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>A brief presentation on the twelfth meeting of the United Nations Regional Coordination Mechanism (RC) (E/ESCWA/2008/C.2/6(Part I))</p> <p>A brief presentation on the eighth session of the Statistical Committee (E/ESCWA/2008/C.2/6(Part II))</p> <p>(b) Activities to be carried out by the end of 2008:</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Current preparations for the eighth session of the Committee on Water Resources (E/ESCWA/2008/C.2/6(Part III))</p> <p>Current preparations for the seventh session of the Committee on Energy (E/ESCWA/2008/C.2/6(Part IV))</p>
<u>Item 7</u>	<p>Proposed regional conference for Western Asia in preparation for the 2009 Annual Ministerial Review of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC): Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document (E/ESCWA/2008/C.2/7(CRP))</p>
<u>Item 8</u>	<p>Coordination between ESCWA and the League of Arab States for a single text of the Convention on Multimodal Transport in the Arab Countries.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document (E/ESCWA/2008/C.2/8)</p>
Afternoon	
14:30 - 15:30	
<u>Item 9</u>	Date and venue of the third meeting.
<u>Item 10</u>	Other business.
<u>Item 11</u>	<p>Adoption of the report.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Draft report (E/ESCWA/2008/C.2/L.9)</p>

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