



Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Committee on Women
Ninth session
Amman, 26-27 November 2019



Information for participants

1. Background

The Committee on Women was established pursuant to Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) resolution 240 (XXII) of 17 April 2003, which was endorsed by the United Nations Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2003/9 of 18 July 2004. The mandate of the Committee includes participating in defining priorities for women-related programmes and activities and in formulating the programme of work of ESCWA in the area of advancement and empowerment of women; monitoring developments in the situation of women and relevant indicators and statistics in ESCWA member States; and following up on international and regional conferences and coordinating regional efforts to implement resulting resolutions and recommendations.

The Committee on Women holds its sessions biennially. Its eighth session was held in Beirut, on 4 and 5 October 2017.

2. Participants

Participants include representatives of Governments, national women's machineries and line ministries as well as councils and governmental organizations on women in member States. Representatives of States not members of ESCWA were also invited to attend the session as observers, as well as representatives of the League of Arab States, the Arab Women Organization, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the United Nations programmes and specialized agencies and relevant civil society organizations.

3. Date and venue of the session

The ninth session of the Committee on Women will be held at the Kempinski Hotel in Amman, Jordan on 26 and 27 November 2019. Registration will commence at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 26 November 2019 and the session will open at 10 a.m. on the same day. It will conclude at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 November 2019.

4. Language of the session

Session proceedings and discussions will be in Arabic and English, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in both languages.

5. *Entry visas*

Participants may apply for an entry visa to Jordan through the Jordanian Embassy in their respective countries. It is recommended to attach the invitation letter sent by ESCWA to the visa application.

6. *Accommodation and transportation*

ESCWA suggests that participants book their accommodation at the Kempinski Hotel in Amman, or in other hotels nearby. Participants are also kindly invited to organize transport to and from the airport directly with their respective hotel.

7. *Time zone*

Time in Jordan is GMT+2 hours.

8. *Weather*

During the meeting, the temperature in Amman is expected to range between 15°C and 20°C.

9. *Currency and exchange rates*

The unit of currency is the Jordanian Dinar. The current exchange rate is JOD 0.71 for \$1.00.

10. *Correspondence*

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