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Ninth session
Amman, 26-27 November 2019

Item 3 of the provisional agenda

**Organization of work****Note by the ESCWA secretariat**

1. The secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) has prepared the proposed organization of work for the ninth session of the Committee on Women in order to facilitate its consideration of agenda items within time limitations. The Committee will be presented with the proposed organization of work contained in this document and shall adopt it in that or an amended form.
2. The Committee on Women will hold an opening session at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 26 November 2019. It will start its working sessions at 10.15 a.m., and will hold two sessions on each day, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, as shown in the proposed organization of work. It will conclude its proceedings at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 November 2019.
3. Each presentation made by the secretariat will last 10 to 15 minutes and the following discussion 30 to 45 minutes. When the discussion of an agenda item is concluded ahead of schedule, the next agenda item will be brought forward.

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Tuesday, 26 November 2019</u>	
Morning session	
9-10 a.m.	Registration of participants.
10-10.15 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u> Opening of the session. Statement by the representative of the State of Palestine, which chaired the eighth session of the Committee. Statement by the ESCWA secretariat.
10.15 a.m.-1 p.m.	First meeting
	<u>Item 2</u> Election of officers.
	<u>Item 3</u> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. <i>For discussion</i> Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/C.7/2019/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/C.7/2019/L.2
	Follow-up issues
	<u>Item 4</u> Implementation of activities under the ESCWA programme of work, recommendations made by the Committee on Women at its eighth session and the Beirut Declaration on Building Effective Institutions to Empower Women in the Arab Region. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.7/2019/3
	<u>Item 5</u> Technical cooperation activities. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.7/2019/4
	<u>Item 6</u> National action to implement the recommendations made by the Committee on Women at its eighth session. <i>For discussion</i> Country presentations and document E/ESCWA/C.7/2019/CRP.1

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
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Tuesday, 26 November 2019 (continued)

Afternoon session

2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Second meeting

Implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action 25 years after their adoption

Item 7

Review and regional assessment of the implementation by Arab countries of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action 25 years after their adoption.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/C.7/2019/5

Item 8

Action plan on gender equality and the empowerment of women in national institutions.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/C.7/2019/6

Item 9

Combating domestic violence: protection orders and shelters in the Arab region.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/C.7/2019/7

Item 10

Women in the judiciary in the Arab region: removing barriers, increasing numbers.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/C.7/2019/8

Wednesday, 27 November 2019

Morning session

9 a.m-1 p.m.

Third meeting

Item 11

Cultivating resilient institutions in the Arab region: national women's machineries in challenging times.

For discussion

Document E/ESCWA/C.7/2019/9

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Wednesday, 27 November 2019</u> (continued)	
<u>Item 12</u>	Social and economic situation of Palestinian women and girls. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.7/2019/10
Gender equality and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	
<u>Item 13</u>	Supporting the Subcommittee on Gender Equality and the Sustainable Development Goals. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.7/2019/11
Afternoon session	
2 p.m.-5 p.m.	Fourth meeting Gender equality and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (continued)
<u>Item 14</u>	Round-table discussion: technology as a lever for gender equality in the Arab region. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/C.7/2019/CRP.2

<u>Item 15</u>	Date and venue of the tenth session of the Committee on Women.
<u>Item 16</u>	Other matters.
<u>Item 17</u>	Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee on Women at its ninth session. The draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption.
