Organization of work

Note by the secretariat

1. The secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) has prepared the proposed organization of work for the nineteenth session of the Committee on Transport and Logistics in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within time limitations. The Committee will be presented with the proposed organization of work contained in the next section of the present document and shall adopt it in its current or amended form.

2. The Committee on Transport and Logistics will start its meetings on Monday, 26 November 2018. It is scheduled to hold two meetings on each of the two days of the session. As part of the session’s proceedings, the ESCWA secretariat will hold a regional workshop on road safety management in the Arab countries, co-organized with the Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety and the World Bank. The workshop will address road safety issues and best practices in that regard. The session will conclude its proceedings at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 November 2018.

3. Each presentation given by the secretariat shall be limited to 10-15 minutes and the following discussion to 20-30 minutes. Should the discussion of an agenda item be concluded ahead of schedule, the next agenda item will be brought forward for discussion.
Proposed organization of work

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**Morning**

8-9 a.m. Registration of participants.

9 a.m.-1 p.m. **First session**

**Item 1** Opening of the session.

**Item 2** Election of officers.

**Item 3** Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

*For discussion*

Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/C.5/2018/L.1
Organization of work E/ESCWA/C.5/2018/L.2

**Item 4** Progress achieved in the field of transport and logistics since the eighteenth session of the Committee:

(a) Implementation of activities under the ESCWA programme of work, of technical cooperation activities and of recommendations made by the Committee;

*For discussion*


(b) Action taken by member States;

*Briefings by State representatives*

(c) Project on geographic information systems (GIS) for transport networks between Arab countries.

*For discussion*


**Item 5** Assessing Arab economic integration: trade in services as a driver of growth and development.

*Presentation*
Monday, 26 November 2018 (continued)

Afternoon

2-4 p.m.  Second session

Item 6   Logistics performance in the Arab region.  
For discussion  

Item 7   Maritime transport in the Arab region: does liberalization matter?  
For discussion  

Item 8   Round-table discussion: The technological revolution and its impact on the future of the transport sector in the Arab region.  
For discussion  
Document E/ESCWA/C.5/2018/CRP.1

Tuesday, 27 November 2018

Morning

9 a.m.-1 p.m.  Third session

Item 9   Regional workshop: Road safety management in the Arab countries.  
For information  
E/ESCWA/C.5/2018/CRP.2  
Opening.  
Overview of national systems for road safety management.  
Group discussions on the institutional reforms needed to improve road safety management in the Arab region.

Afternoon

2 p.m.-5 p.m.  Fourth session

Item 9 (continued)   Regional workshop: Road safety management in the Arab countries.  
Strategies and action plans – conditions for success.  
Open discussion on the status of national strategies on road safety and the way forward.
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**Morning**

9 a.m.-12.30 p.m.  

**Fifth session**

**Item 9**  
*(continued)*  
Regional workshop: Road safety management in the Arab countries.  
Road safety information systems.  
Towards a sustainable enhancement of road safety in the Arab region: the role of United Nations instruments.

**Afternoon**

1.30 p.m.-5 p.m.  

**Sixth session**

**Item 9**  
*(continued)*  
Regional workshop: Road safety management in the Arab countries.  
Panel and discussion on funding issues.  
Conclusions and the way ahead.

**Item 10**  
Date and venue of the twentieth session of the Committee on Transport and Logistics.

**Item 11**  
Other matters.

**Item 12**  
Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee on Transport and Logistics at its nineteenth session.  

*The draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption*  
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