Committee on Water Resources
Eighth session
Beirut, 17-19 December 2008

Item 3 of the provisional agenda

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the secretariat

1. The secretariat prepared the proposed organization of work for the eighth session of the Committee on Water Resources to facilitate its consideration of agenda items within the time limit assigned to the discussion of each item. The Committee may adopt it in the form in which it is submitted or make amendments thereto.

2. The first meeting of the eighth session will be convened at 10:00, on Wednesday, 17 December 2008. The Committee is scheduled to hold two formal meetings per day on Wednesday and Thursday, as well as one meeting only on Friday. One meeting will be held in the morning and one in the afternoon, as shown in the annex. The session will conclude at 13:00, on Friday, 19 December 2008.

3. Each presentation 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.
Wednesday, 17 December 2008

9:00 - 10:00  Registration of participants.
10:00 - 13:00

Item 1  Opening of the eighth session of the Committee on Water Resources.
Item 2  Election of officers.
Item 3  Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

For discussion
Provisional agenda and annotations (E/ESCWA/SDPD/2008/IG.1/L.1)
Proposed Organization of Work (E/ESCWA/SDPD/2008/IG.1/L.2)

14:00 - 16:00

Item 4  General debate on climate change and the water resources sector in the ESCWA region:

(a) Potential impacts of climate change on the water resources sector and possible adaptation measures;

For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2008/IG.1/3

(b) Member country actions to deal with the potential impacts of climate change on the water resources sector;

Presentations by member countries

Thursday, 18 December 2008

9:00 - 13:00

Item 5  Achieving the MDGs and water quality management in the ESCWA region:

(a) Progress made by member countries in achieving Target 10 of MDG 7 on safe drinking water and sanitation as well as relevant proposed policy options;

For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2008/IG.1/4(Part I)
Thursday, 18 December 2008 (continued)

(b) Presentations on achievements made by member countries in securing access to drinking water and sanitation services;

(c) Water quality management in the ESCWA region.

For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2008/IG.1/4(Part II)

14:00 - 16:00

Item 6 Review of actions taken in the field of water resources since the seventh session of the Committee on Water Resources:

(a) Follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee on Water Resources at its seventh session;

For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2008/IG.1/5(Part I)

(b) Progress made in carrying out water resource-related activities under ESCWA programme of work between the seventh and eighth sessions of the Committee on Water Resources.

For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2008/IG.1/5(Part II)

Item 7 Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 in the field of water resources.

For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2008/IG.1/6

Friday, 19 December 2008

10:00 - 13:00

Item 8 Date and venue of the ninth session of the Committee on Water Resources.

Item 9 Other matters.

Item 10 Adoption of the report of the Committee on Water Resources on its eighth session.

For discussion
Document E/ESCWA/SDPD/2008/IG.1/L.7

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