ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA

Twenty-third session
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Item 3 of the provisional agenda

AGENDA

1. Opening of the twenty-third session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Proposed organization of work.
5. Consideration of requests by States Members of the United Nations and/or its specialized agencies that are not members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) to participate as observers in the twenty-third session of the Commission.
6. Priority issues in the Western Asia region:
   (a) Peace and security and their impact on economic and social development;
   (b) Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in ESCWA member countries;
   (c) Social policies in ESCWA member countries.
7. Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission:
   (a) Implementation of 2004-2005 biennium regular budget activities;
   (b) The financial and budgetary position;
   (c) The technical cooperation programme and regional advisory services;
   (d) Recommendations of the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services on its audit of the regional commissions.
8. General debate: issues of which the twenty-third session is seized.
9. Adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of maritime transport in the Arab Mashreq.

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11. Cooperation between ESCWA and the League of Arab States.

12. Date and venue of the twenty-fourth session of the Commission.

13. Other business.

14. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-third session.