Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Twenty-fifth session
Sana’a, 26-29 May 2008

Item 4 of the agenda

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

A. SENIOR OFFICIALS’ SEGMENT (26-27 MAY 2008)

Monday, 26 May 2008

9.00 - 10.00 a.m. Registration of participants.

10.00 - 11.00 a.m.

First meeting

Item 1 Opening of the Senior Officials’ segment

Item 2 Election of officers.

Item 3 Adoption of the agenda.

Item 4 Proposed organization of work.

Item 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-fifth session of the Commission.

11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Second meeting

Item 7 Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission:

(a) Programme performance report for the biennium 2006-2007;

(b) Follow-up to implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-fourth session.

Note: Should the discussion of any agenda item take less time than has been allocated thereto, discussion shall proceed to the next agenda item.

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Monday, 26 May 2008 (continued)

3.00 - 5.30 p.m.  
**Third meeting**

**Item 7**  
(continued)  
Continuation of discussions on agenda item 7 (b)  
(c) Follow-up to the establishment of an Arabic language centre at ESCWA;  
(d) Technical cooperation programme;  
(e) Financial status of the Commission;  

Tuesday, 27 May 2008

Drafting Committee: Consideration of proposed draft resolutions for adoption by the Commission.

9.30 - 12.00 a.m.  
**Fourth meeting**

**Item 10**  
Consideration of the request for membership in the Commission by the Sudan.  
**Item 7**  
(continued)  
(f) Reports of ESCWA subsidiary bodies on their sessions.  
**Item 8**  
Management issues:  
(a) Streamlining the work of the Commission:  
   (i) Lessons learned from the evaluation of the sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies;  
   (ii) Frequency of the sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies;  
   (iii) First meeting of the Technical Committee.  

12.30 - 1.30 p.m.  
**Fifth meeting**

**Item 8**  
(continued)  
(b) Proposed amendments to the work programme for the biennium 2008-2009;  
(c) Revised draft strategic framework for the biennium 2010-2011.  

4.00 - 5.00 p.m.  
Launching of the Information Society portal for the ESCWA region.  

5.00 - 6.00 p.m.  
**Sixth meeting**  
Adoption of the recommendations of the Senior Officials’ segment.
B. MINISTERIAL SEGMENT (28-29 MAY 2008)

Wednesday, 28 May 2008

10.00 - 11.00 a.m.  
First meeting  
Opening of the Ministerial segment.

Second meeting  

12.00 - 1.00  
Item 9  
Draft convention on international multimodal transport of goods in the Arab Mashreq.

Item 6  
Policy issues in the ESCWA region:
(a) Ministerial roundtable on the theme of the session: “Financing for development in the ESCWA region”;

2.30 - 4.30 p.m.  
Third meeting  
Launching of the report entitled “Millennium Development Goals in the Arab region 2007: A Youth Lens”;

Item 6  
(continued)  
(b) Ministerial roundtable on regional cooperation for achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Thursday, 29 May 2008

10.00 - 12.00 p.m.  
Closed meeting for heads of delegation.

4.30 - 5.00 p.m.  
Fourth meeting  

Item 11  
Date and venue of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission.

Item 12  
Other business.

Item 13  
Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-fifth session.

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