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Item 3 of the provisional agenda

ORGANIZATION OF WORK**Note by the secretariat**

1. The secretariat has prepared the proposed organization of work of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission in order to facilitate the consideration of the agenda items within the time limitations. The Commission 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 first meeting of the Senior Officers will be convened on Monday, 17 May 2010, at 10 a.m. in the main Conference Hall at the United Nations House in Beirut. It has been decided that the meetings following the inaugural meeting start at 11 a.m. Two meetings will be held, one in the morning and one in the afternoon according to the annexed organization of work. The Commission will resume its work on Tuesday, 18 May 2010, at 10 a.m. and will hold two meetings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The ministerial meetings will start on Wednesday, 19 May 2010, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The twenty-sixth session of the Commission will conclude its proceedings on Thursday, 20 May 2010, at 1 p.m.
3. Each presentation made by the secretariat will take 10-15 minutes and the related discussion about 30 minutes. Should the discussion of one item be completed before the specified time, the meeting will move on to the next item.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
A. SENIOR OFFICIALS' SEGMENT (17-18 MAY 2010)	
<u>Monday, 17 May 2010</u>	
9-10 a.m.	Registration of participants.
10-11. a.m.	Opening of Senior Officials' meetings
<u>Item 1</u>	Opening of the Senior Officials' segment Address by His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Ahmed Al-Hawri, Secretary of Economic Studies and Forecasts in Yemen. Address by Mr. Bader Al Dafa, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA.
<u>Item 2</u>	Election of officers.
<u>Item 3</u>	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/26/L.1 Document E/ESCWA/26/L.2
<u>Item 4</u>	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-sixth session of the Commission. <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/26/3
11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	First meeting
<u>Item 6</u>	Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission: (a) Programme performance report for the biennium 2008-2009; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/26/5(Part I) (b) Follow-up to implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-fifth session; <i>For discussion</i> Document E/ESCWA/26/5(Part II)

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation
<u>Monday, 17 May 2010 (continued)</u>	
2.30-4.30 p.m.	<p data-bbox="667 300 863 327">Second meeting</p> <p data-bbox="667 349 1445 450">Drafting Committee:* consideration of proposed draft resolutions for adoption by the Commission and of recommendations of Senior Officials' meetings.</p> <p data-bbox="445 472 1445 539"><u>Item 6</u> (continued) (c) Technical cooperation programme and regional advisory services;</p> <p data-bbox="667 562 842 589"><i>For discussion</i></p> <p data-bbox="667 611 1118 678">Document E/ESCWA/26/5(Part III)/A Document E/ESCWA/26/5(Part III)/B</p> <p data-bbox="667 701 1145 728">(d) Financial status of the Commission;</p> <p data-bbox="667 750 842 777"><i>For discussion</i></p> <p data-bbox="667 799 1091 826">Document E/ESCWA/26/5(Part IV)</p> <p data-bbox="667 848 1445 916">(e) Reports of the Commission subsidiary bodies on their sessions.</p> <p data-bbox="667 938 842 965"><i>For discussion</i></p> <p data-bbox="667 987 1082 1014">Document E/ESCWA/26/5(Part V)</p>
<u>Tuesday, 18 May 2010</u>	
10-12 a.m.	<p data-bbox="667 1090 847 1117">Third meeting</p> <p data-bbox="445 1162 906 1189"><u>Item 7</u> Management issues:</p> <p data-bbox="667 1211 1445 1335">(a) Streamlining the work of the Commission: (i) Evaluation of the intergovernmental structure of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies;</p> <p data-bbox="667 1357 842 1384"><i>For discussion</i></p> <p data-bbox="667 1406 1099 1433">Document E/ESCWA/26/6(Part I)/A</p> <p data-bbox="724 1456 1445 1523">(ii) Upgrade the Centre for Women in ESCWA to a division;</p> <p data-bbox="667 1545 842 1572"><i>For discussion</i></p> <p data-bbox="667 1594 1099 1621">Document E/ESCWA/26/6(Part I)/B</p> <p data-bbox="718 1644 1445 1789">(iii) Upgrade the Section on Emerging and Conflict-Related Issues to a division and establish a governmental subcommittee concerned with emerging issues and development in times of crises.</p> <p data-bbox="667 1812 842 1839"><i>For discussion</i></p> <p data-bbox="667 1861 1099 1888">Document E/ESCWA/26/6(Part I)/C</p>

* The Drafting Committee looks into the draft resolutions presented to the Commission in meetings held in parallel with public sessions.

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<u>Tuesday, 18 May 2010 (continued)</u>	
12.30-2 p.m.	Fourth meeting
<u>Item 7</u> (continued)	(b) Proposed amendments to the work programme for the biennium 2010-2011.
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/26/6(Part II)
	<u>Item 8</u>
	Revised draft strategic framework for the biennium 2012-2013.
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/26/7
3.30-4.30 p.m.	Fifth meeting
	<u>Item 9</u>
	Progress made in the establishment of ESCWA technology centre.
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/26/8
B. MINISTERIAL SEGMENT (19-20 MAY 2010)	
<u>Wednesday, 19 May 2010</u>	
10-11 a.m.	Opening of Ministerial meetings
	Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdul Karim Alarhabi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Planning and International Cooperation in Yemen.
	Address by His Excellency Mr. Jafar Hassan, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation in Jordan.
	Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdulrahman Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council.
	Message of Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations.
	Address by Mr. Bader Al Dafa, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA.
	Address by His Excellency Mr. Nabih Berri, Speaker of the House of Lebanon.
	First meeting
11.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.	<u>Item 5</u>
	Policy issues in the ESCWA region:
	(a) National youth policies within the frame of the World Programme of Action for Youth;
	<i>For discussion</i>
	Document E/ESCWA/26/4(Part I)

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
<u>Wednesday, 19 May 2010 (continued)</u>		
15.30 - 17.30 p.m.	<u>Item 5</u> (continued)	<p>Second meeting</p> <p>(b) Human and institutional capacity-building.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/26/4(Part II)</p>
<u>Thursday, 20 May 2010</u>		
10-11 a.m.		Closed meeting for heads of delegation.
12-1 p.m.		Third meeting
	<u>Item 10</u>	Date and venue of the twenty-seventh session of the Commission.
	<u>Item 11</u>	Other matters.
	<u>Item 12</u>	<p>Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-sixth session.</p> <p><i>For discussion</i></p> <p>Document E/ESCWA/26/9/Report</p>
