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Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Status of documentation

Note by the Secretariat

1. In accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the fifty-ninth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination is tentatively scheduled to be held at Headquarters from 3 to 28 June 2019.
2. In its resolution 1988/77 on its revitalization, the Council reiterated that the Secretariat should circulate relevant documentation in all working languages six weeks before the opening of the sessions of the Council and its subsidiary organs.
3. In its resolution [53/208](#) B on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly:
(a) reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that documents were available in accordance with the six-week rule for their distribution simultaneously in the six official languages; (b) reaffirmed its decision that, if a report was issued late, the reasons for the delay should be indicated when the report was introduced; and (c) decided that, if a report was submitted late to the conference services, the reasons for the delay should be included in a footnote to the document.
4. In section IV of its resolution [64/230](#) on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly expressed deep concern at the unprecedented high level of late submission of documentation, which, in turn, had a negative impact on the functioning of intergovernmental bodies, and, reiterating its request in its subsequent resolutions on the pattern of conferences, the latest of which was resolution [73/270](#), urged author departments to fully adhere to deadlines in meeting the goal of 90 per cent submission compliance.
5. Also in its resolutions on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly reiterated its request that the Secretary-General direct all departments of the Secretariat to include the following elements in their reports:
 - (a) A summary of the report;
 - (b) Consolidated conclusions, recommendations and other proposed actions;
 - (c) Relevant background information.

* The dates for the substantive session are tentative.

** [E/AC.51/2019/1](#).



6. In those same resolutions, the General Assembly also reiterated its request that all documents submitted to legislative organs by the Secretariat and expert bodies for consideration and action have conclusions and recommendations in bold print.
7. In section IV, paragraph 72 of its resolution [73/270](#) on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly reaffirmed its decision in section III, paragraph 9, of its resolution [59/265](#) that the issuance of documents in all six official languages on planning, budgetary and administrative matters requiring urgent consideration by the General Assembly should be accorded priority.

Annex

Status of preparedness of documentation for the fifty-ninth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>Title or description</i>	<i>Estimated date of issuance</i>	<i>Status of issuance</i>
2.	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work			
	E/AC.51/2019/1	Annotated provisional agenda		
	E/AC.51/2019/L.1	Note by the Secretariat: status of documentation		
	E/AC.51/2019/L.2	Note by the Secretariat: report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267)		
3.	Programme questions			
(a)	Proposed programme budget for the year 2020			
	A/74/___	Reports of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for the year 2020: part one, plan outline and part two, programme plan for programmes and subprogrammes and programme performance information (General Assembly resolution 72/266 A)		
	A/71/6/Rev.1	Biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019		Issued
	A/73/400 , chap. II.C	Revised biennial programme plan for programme 15, Economic and social development in Africa, for the period 2018–2019		Issued
(b)	Evaluation			
	A/74/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives (General Assembly resolution 62/224)		
	E/AC.51/2019/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Offices of the Special Representatives of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, on Sexual Violence in Conflict and on Violence against Children (General Assembly resolution 72/9)		
	E/AC.51/2019/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Department of Public Information (General Assembly resolution 72/9)		
	E/AC.51/2019/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (General Assembly resolution 72/9)		

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	E/AC.51/2019/____	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (General Assembly resolution 72/9)		
	E/AC.51/2019/____	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Management (General Assembly resolution 72/9)		
	E/AC.51/2019/____	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 72/9)		
	E/AC.51/2019/____	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Office of Legal Affairs (General Assembly resolution 72/9)		
	E/AC.51/2019/____	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 72/9)		
	E/AC.51/2017/9	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights		Issued
4.	Coordination questions			
(a)	Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination			
	E/2019/____	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2018 (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX))		
(b)	New Partnership for Africa's Development			
	E/AC.51/2019/____	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (General Assembly resolution 60/257)		
5.	Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit			
	See E/AC.51/2019/L.2			
6.	Provisional agenda for the sixtieth session			
	E/AC.51/2019/L.3	Note by the Secretariat: provisional agenda and documentation for the sixtieth session of the Committee (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))		
7.	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-ninth session			
	E/AC.51/2019/L.4 and addenda	Draft report of the Committee		