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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect from among the representatives of its members a Chair, one or more Vice-Chairs and such other officers as may be required. In subparagraph (c) of its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission for Social Development would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau. Accordingly, the Commission held the first meeting of its fifty-seventh session on 7 February 2018, immediately following the closure of the fifty-sixth session, and elected by acclamation Sama Salem Poules (Iraq) as Vice-Chair of the Commission for its fifty-seventh session. At the same meeting, the Commission postponed the election of the remaining four officers, on the understanding that upon nomination by their respective groups, the candidates would be allowed to participate in the meetings of the Bureau held in preparation for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission.

Subsequently, the Eastern European States nominated Carolina Popovici (Republic of Moldova) as Vice-Chair of the Commission at its fifty-seventh session.

On 11 February 2019, the Commission will be invited to elect the Chair from the African States and Vice-Chairs from the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States, and to designate one of its Vice-Chairs as Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure requires that, after the election of its officers at the beginning of each session, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2018/219.

The proposed organization of work of the Commission at its fifty-seventh session (see annex I) has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time frame available and in accordance with the conference services allocated to the Commission. The timetable should be considered tentative and indicative: if the Commission completes its consideration of an item ahead of schedule, it may wish to proceed immediately to the next item.

The Commission is scheduled to meet from Monday, 11 February, to Thursday, 21 February 2019, with no meeting on Monday, 18 February, which is a United Nations floating holiday. Arrangements have been made to hold morning and afternoon meetings during the session: morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Documentation

Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work ([E/CN.5/2019/1](#))

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [55/46](#) on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the Assembly entitled “World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world”, the Commission will undertake regular assessment of the implementation of the Copenhagen commitments and the further initiatives adopted in Geneva, in a manner consistent with the functions and contributions of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and shall advise the Council.

The Commission serves as the main United Nations forum for an intensified global dialogue on social development issues and will contribute to the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, within its existing mandate, by supporting the thematic reviews of the high-level political forum on sustainable development on progress with regard to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, including cross-cutting issues, which should reflect the integrated nature of the Goals as well as the interlinkages between them.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development ([E/CN.5/2019/2](#))

(a) Priority theme: addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies

In its resolution [2018/3](#), the Council decided that the Commission would consider one priority theme at each session on the basis of the follow-up to and review of the World Summit and its linkages to the social dimensions of the 2030 Agenda, proposing an action-oriented resolution with recommendations to the Council in order to contribute to its work. The Council decided that the priority theme for the 2019 session would be “Addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies”. The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the priority theme.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies ([E/CN.5/2019/3](#))

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

- (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons**
- (ii) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities**
- (iii) World Programme of Action for Youth**
- (iv) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002**
- (v) Family issues, policies and programmes**

The Commission will consider issues pertaining to the situation of social groups.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting the rights of persons with disabilities and strengthening the mainstreaming of disability in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ([E/CN.5/2019/4](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on policies and programmes involving youth ([E/CN.5/2019/5](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes ([A/74/61-E/2019/4](#))

(c) Emerging issues: the empowerment of people affected by natural and human-made disasters to reduce inequality: addressing the differential impact on persons with disabilities, older persons and youth

In its resolution 2006/18, the Economic and Social Council decided to include the agenda item entitled “Emerging issues” in the programme of work of the Commission. After consultation with the five regional groups, the members of the Bureau agreed that the theme for discussion under this agenda item during the fifty-seventh session would be “The empowerment of people affected by natural and human-made disasters to reduce inequality: addressing the differential impact on persons with disabilities, older persons and youth”. A note by the Secretariat will be available to facilitate the discussion.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat entitled “Emerging issues: the empowerment of people affected by natural and human-made disasters to reduce inequality: addressing the differential impact on persons with disabilities, older persons and youth” ([E/CN.5/2019/7](#))

4. Programme questions and other matters

(a) Proposed programme plan for 2020

(b) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Nomination of members of the Board of the Institute

The Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development is composed of 10 members, who are nominated by the Commission and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council for a term of four years, renewable once for a further two years, in accordance with Commission resolution 10 (XXV).

The Commission, at its fifty-seventh session, will be called upon to nominate new members and to renominate one member for a further period of two years. The Council will be called upon to confirm those nominated in 2019.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development ([E/CN.5/2019/9](#))

Report of the Board of the Institute

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Board of the Institute submits to the Commission a report on the progress of its work. The Commission will have before it the report of the Board covering 2017 and 2018.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development ([E/CN.5/2019/8](#))

5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its fifty-eighth session, together with an indication of the documentation to be submitted for its consideration.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission ([E/CN.5/2019/L.1](#))¹

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-seventh session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission shall submit to the Council a report on the work of its fifty-seventh session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Commission on its fifty-seventh session ([E/CN.5/2019/L.2](#))¹

¹ To be issued as an in-session document.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work (11–21 February 2019)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Week of 11–15 February 2019		
Monday, 11 February		
a.m.	Opening of the session	
	1. Election of officers	
	2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work (E/CN.5/2019/1)
	3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly	Introduction of documentation under agenda item 3, including its sub-items (a) and (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/CN.5/2019/2)
	(a) Priority theme: addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies	Report of the Secretary-General on addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies (E/CN.5/2019/3)
	(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups	
	(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons	
	(ii) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities	Report of the Secretary-General on promoting the rights of persons with disabilities and strengthening the mainstreaming of disability in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (E/CN.5/2019/4)
	(iii) World Programme of Action for Youth	Report of the Secretary-General on policies and programmes involving youth (E/CN.5/2019/5)
	(iv) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002	
	(v) Family issues, policies and programmes	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes) (A/74/61-E/2019/4)
	3 (a) and (b)	Introductory statements General discussion begins
p.m.	3 (a) (<i>continued</i>)	High-level panel discussion on item 3 (a)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Tuesday, 12 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b) (<i>continued</i>)	Ministerial Forum on social protection
p.m.	3 (a) and (b) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion
Wednesday, 13 February		
a.m.	3 (c) Emerging issues: the empowerment of people affected by natural and human-made disasters to reduce inequality: addressing the differential impact on persons with disabilities, older persons and youth	High-level panel discussion on item 3 (c)
p.m.	3 (b) (<i>continued</i>)	Interactive dialogue with senior United Nations officials of the United Nations system on the priority theme
Thursday, 14 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion
p.m.	4. Programme questions and other matters	
	(a) Proposed programme plan for 2020	
	(b) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development	Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2019/9)
		Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2019/8)
	3 (a) and (b) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion
Friday, 15 February		
a.m.		Informal consultations (<i>no plenary meeting</i>)
p.m.		Informal consultations (<i>no plenary meeting</i>) <i>3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals</i>
Week of 18–22 February 2018		
Monday, 18 February (United Nations floating holiday — no meeting of the Commission)		
Tuesday, 19 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion concludes
p.m.		Informal consultations (<i>no plenary meeting</i>)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Wednesday, 20 February		
a.m.		Informal consultations (no plenary meeting)
p.m.		Informal consultations (no plenary meeting)
Thursday, 21 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Introduction of draft proposals Action on draft proposals
	5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission	Adoption of the provisional agenda for the next session
	6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-seventh session	Adoption of the report Closure of the session ^a
p.m.		Action on any outstanding draft proposals or other matters (if necessary)

^a In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2002/210, the Commission, immediately following the closure of the fifty-seventh session, will hold the first meeting of its fifty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council.

Annex II

Membership of the Commission for Social Development at its fifty-seventh session (2019)

(46 members; four-year term)

<i>Membership of the fifty-seventh session</i>	<i>Term expires at close of session in the year:</i>
Algeria	2019
Austria	2019
Bangladesh	2020
Belarus	2020
Benin	2019
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	2019
Brazil	2021
Bulgaria	2021
Burundi	2019
China	2021
Colombia	2019
Congo	2020
Côte d'Ivoire	2021
El Salvador	2020
France	2021
Ghana	2020
Haiti	2021
Iceland	2020
India	2021
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2019
Iraq	2019
Israel	2019
Japan	2020
Kuwait	2021
Madagascar	2021
Malawi	2021
Mexico	2019
Namibia	2019

<i>Membership of the fifty-seventh session</i>	<i>Term expires at close of session in the year:</i>
Panama	2021
Paraguay	2020
Peru	2020
Portugal	2019
Qatar	2019
Republic of Korea	2020
Republic of Moldova	2019
Romania	2021
Russian Federation	2020
Rwanda	2020
Senegal	2020
Sudan	2021
Switzerland	2021
Turkmenistan	2021
United States of America	2020
