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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work

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 for Social Development 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 Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission 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-eighth session on 21 February 2019, immediately following the closure of the fifty-seventh session. In the absence of any nominations for the Chair or other members of the Bureau for its fifty-eighth session, the Commission postponed the election of all of the members of the Bureau 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-eighth session.

On 10 February 2020, the Commission will be invited to elect, in accordance with established regional rotation, the Chair from the African States and Vice-Chairs from the Asia-Pacific States, 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

Pursuant to rule 7 of the rules of procedure, after the election of its officers at the beginning of each session, the Commission adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-eighth session were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2019/214.

The proposed organization of work (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, 10 February, to Wednesday, 19 February 2020. Arrangements have been made to hold morning meetings, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and afternoon meetings, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Documentation

Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work ([E/CN.5/2020/1](#))

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 regularly assesses 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 advises the Economic and Social Council thereon.

The Commission serves as the main United Nations forum for an intensified global dialogue on social development issues and contributes 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.5/2020/2](#))

(a) Priority theme: affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness

In its resolution [2018/3](#), the Economic and Social 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. In its resolution [2019/4](#), the Council decided that the priority theme for the fifty-eighth session would be "Affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness". The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the priority theme.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness ([E/CN.5/2020/3](#))

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

(i) Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities: the way forward, a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond

(ii) World Programme of Action for Youth

(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(iv) Family issues, policies and programmes

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

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on modalities for the fourth review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 ([E/CN.5/2020/4](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes ([A/75/61-E/2020/4](#))

(c) Emerging issues: twenty-five years of the World Summit for Social Development: addressing emerging societal challenges to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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. The General Assembly invited the Commission to give appropriate consideration to the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the World Summit by organizing a half-day meeting during the fifty-eighth session of the Commission (resolution [74/122](#), para. 66). Accordingly, and in consultation with the regional groups, the Bureau agreed that the theme for discussion under this agenda item during the session would be “Twenty-five years of the World Summit for Social Development: addressing emerging societal challenges to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. A note by the Secretariat will be before the Commission to facilitate the discussion.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat entitled “Twenty-five years of the World Summit for Social Development: addressing emerging societal challenges to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” ([E/CN.5/2020/5](#))

4. Programme questions and other matters

(a) Proposed programme plan for 2021

(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 will be called upon to nominate one new member to fill a vacancy on the Board. The Council will be called upon to confirm that nomination.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of a member of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development ([E/CN.5/2020/6](#))

Conference room paper on the proposed programme plan for 2021

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

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

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission ([E/CN.5/2020/L.1](#))¹

¹ To be issued as an in-session document.

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

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure, the Commission shall submit to the Council a report on the work of its fifty-eighth session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Commission on its fifty-eighth session ([E/CN.5/2020/L.2](#))¹

Annex I

Proposed organization of work (10–19 February 2020)

Date	Agenda item	Documentation/programme
Monday, 10 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.5/2020/1)
	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), (b) and (c)
	(a) Priority theme: affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness	Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/CN.5/2020/2)
	(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups	Report of the Secretary-General on affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness (E/CN.5/2020/3)
	(i) Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities: the way forward, a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond	
	(ii) World Programme of Action for Youth	
	(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002	Report of the Secretary-General on modalities for the fourth review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (E/CN.5/2020/4)
	(iv) 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/75/61-E/2020/4)
	3 (a) and (b)	Introductory statements General discussion begins
p.m.	3 (a) (<i>continued</i>)	High-level panel discussion on item 3 (a)

Date	Agenda item	Documentation/programme
Tuesday, 11 February		
a.m.	3 (c) Emerging issues: twenty-five years of the World Summit for Social Development: addressing emerging societal challenges to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	Ministerial forum
p.m.	3 (a) and (b) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion
Wednesday, 12 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Multi-stakeholder forum on item 3 (a) and (b)
p.m.	3 (a) and (b) (<i>continued</i>)	Interactive dialogue with senior officials of the United Nations system on the priority theme General discussion, time permitting <i>3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals</i>
Thursday, 13 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion
p.m.		Informal consultations <i>(no plenary meeting)</i>
Friday, 14 February		
a.m.		Informal consultations <i>(no plenary meeting)</i>
p.m.		Informal consultations <i>(no plenary meeting)</i>
Monday, 17 February		
a.m.	4. Programme questions and other matters	
	(a) Proposed programme plan for 2021	Conference room paper on the proposed programme plan for 2021
	(b) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development	Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of a member of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2020/6)
	3 (a) and (b) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion
p.m.	3 (a) and (b) (<i>continued</i>)	General discussion

<i>Date</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Documentation/programme</i>
Tuesday, 18 February		
a.m.		Informal consultations (no plenary meeting)
p.m.		Informal consultations (no plenary meeting)
Wednesday, 19 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Introduction of draft proposals Action on draft proposals
	5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission	Adoption of the provisional agenda for the next session
	6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-eighth session	Adoption of the report Closure of the session ^a
p.m.		Continuation of the morning meeting (if necessary)

^a In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2002/210, the Commission, immediately following the closure of the fifty-eighth session, will hold the first meeting of its fifty-ninth 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-eighth session (2020)**

(46 members^a; four-year term)

<i>Member</i>	<i>Year in which term expires at close of session</i>
Argentina	2023
Austria	2023
Bangladesh	2020
Belarus	2020
Brazil	2021
Bulgaria	2021
Chad	2023
China	2021
Colombia	2023
Congo	2020
Côte d'Ivoire	2021
El Salvador	2020
France	2021
Ghana	2020
Guatemala	2023
Haiti	2021
Iceland	2020
India	2021
Iraq	2023
Israel	2023
Japan	2020
Kuwait	2021
Madagascar	2021
Malawi	2021
Morocco	2023
Panama	2021
Paraguay	2020
Peru	2020

<i>Member</i>	<i>Year in which term expires at close of session</i>
Portugal	2023
Republic of Korea	2020
Romania	2021
Russian Federation	2020
Rwanda	2020
Senegal	2020
Sierra Leone	2023
South Africa	2023
Sudan	2021
Switzerland	2021
Turkmenistan	2021
Ukraine	2023
United States of America	2020

^a At its 12th and 13th meetings, on 7 May 2019, the Economic and Social Council decided to further postpone the elections for the following three outstanding vacancies from the Western European and other States, as follows: two for a term expiring at the close of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development, in 2021, and one for a term expiring at the close of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission, in 2020, as well as the elections for two outstanding vacancies from the Asia-Pacific States for a term expiring at the close of the sixty-first session of the Commission, in 2023, with all terms beginning on the date of election.