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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 21 July 2020

[*on a proposal considered under silence procedure (E/2021/L.1)*]

2021/1. Working arrangements for the 2021 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions [61/16](#) of 20 November 2006, [68/1](#) of 20 September 2013 and [72/305](#) of 23 July 2018 concerning the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council,

Reiterating that, as a principal organ of the United Nations, the Council is entitled to hold ad hoc meetings as and when needed, with full substantive support and conference services, to address urgent developments in the economic, social, environmental and related fields,

Acknowledging that, in scheduling its sessions, meetings and consultations, the Council would take into consideration meetings of other bodies dealing with economic, social and environmental issues to avoid unnecessary overlapping and overburdening of their agendas,

Recalling the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development¹ and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,²

Recalling also that it was decided in the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the 2020 forum on financing for development follow-up³ that the sixth forum would be held from Monday, 12 April, to Thursday, 15 April 2021,

¹ General Assembly resolution [69/313](#), annex.

² General Assembly resolution [70/1](#).

³ See [E/FFDF/2020/3](#).



Bearing in mind the possible need to adjust working arrangements in the light of the continued impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on the work of the Council,

Taking into account the possible need for adjustments in the light of subsequent decisions of the Council and/or the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* on the following working arrangements for the 2021 session of the Economic and Social Council, mindful that it may need to convene additional meetings as needed:

(a) The youth forum will be held on Wednesday, 7 April, and Thursday, 8 April 2021;

(b) Dedicated management meetings will be held on Tuesday, 20 April 2021, to conduct elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary bodies of the Council and related bodies;

(c) The one-day special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters will be held on Thursday, 29 April 2021;

(d) The partnership forum will be held on Monday, 3 May 2021;

(e) The multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals will be held on Tuesday, 4 May, and Wednesday, 5 May 2021;

(f) The Development Cooperation Forum will be held on Thursday, 6 May, and Friday, 7 May 2021;

(g) The operational activities for development segment will be held from Tuesday, 18 May, to Thursday, 20 May 2021;

(h) The meetings of the management segment will be held on Tuesday, 8 June, and Wednesday, 9 June 2021; and on Wednesday, 21 July, and Thursday, 22 July 2021;

(i) The humanitarian affairs segment will be held from Wednesday, 23 June, to Friday, 25 June 2021, in Geneva;

(j) The integration segment will be held on Friday, 2 July 2021;

(k) The high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held from Tuesday, 6 July, to Monday, 12 July 2021;

(l) The high-level segment of the Council, including the three-day ministerial segment of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held from Tuesday, 13 July, to Friday, 16 July 2021;

2. *Also decides* that the organizational session regarding the programme of work of the Council from July 2021 to July 2022 will be held on Friday, 23 July 2021.

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