



## ECA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019-2021

*(prepared by the ECA Secretariat)*

### Background

The work plan and meetings' schedule of the ECA Executive Committee (ExCom) was presented by the ECA Secretariat and agreed by the ExCom at its meeting in December 2019, and further revised at its April 2020 meeting.

Annex to this paper presents the revised list of the main tasks of the ExCom and the workplan and meeting schedule for 2019-2021, for the kind consideration by the ExCom. The following modifications are suggested to be made in the documents:

- the date of the 38/3 meeting be moved from May 2020 to July 2020, following the ExCom's request and agreement;
- the update on the topic "Review of the status of preparations for the 32nd ERC (2020)" be added to the programme of the July 2020 meeting, following the request of the ExCom made at the April 2020 meeting;
- the date of the 38/4 meeting be moved from September 2020 to November 2020, since – following the 15 July 2020 meeting - holding another meeting as early as in September 2020 may not be necessary; moreover, the discussion on "Identification of topics for the 42nd Session of ECA (2021)" could only take place after the ERC;
- the date of the 38/5 meeting be moved from January 2021 to February 2021, taking into consideration the year-end break;
- the topic "Preparation of the 2021 Informal Consultation" be deleted from the programme of the November 2020 (38/4) meeting, as this would be too early to discuss this topic;
- the topic "Mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services in the agriculture sector" was added to the programme of the 38/4 meeting under "Review and recommendations on the REU Work Programme 2020-2021", following a proposal made by the RI3 Delivery Manager;
- the discussion on the outcomes on the Informal Consultation was removed from the programme of the June 2021 meeting, because it would likely be sufficient to discuss the outcomes at the May meeting.

The ExCom is invited to:

- review the amendments and note the revised list of main tasks of the ExCom for 2019-2021, as presented in Annex 1;
- review the amendments and endorse the revised workplan and schedule of meetings of the ExCom for 2019-2021, as presented in Annex 2.

**Annex 1**

The main tasks of the ECA Executive Committee in 2019-2021

No.	Task	Background documents	Timeframe (ExCom meetings)
1.	Review of the main themes and the status of preparations for the 32nd ERC (Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 5-7 May 2020)	Draft ERC agenda	December 2019
2.	Review of the status of preparations for the 32nd ERC (2020)	ERC Secretariat update	April, July 2020
3.	Identification of topics for the 42nd Session of ECA (2021)	Draft list of topics for the ECA Session agenda	November 2020
4.	Preparation of the 42nd Session of ECA (2021), including strategic thinking on improving modalities, impact and strategic engagement	Draft agenda for the ECA Session	November 2020 February, May and June 2021
5.	Outcomes of the 32nd ERC	ERC Report	February 2021
6.	Preparation of the 2021 Informal Consultation	Draft agenda for the IC	February 2021
7.	Identification of the main themes for the 33rd ERC (2022)	Draft list of topics for the ERC agenda	February, May and June 2021
8.	Review of progress made by REU on the recommendations of the 41st Session of ECA	REU report	February and May 2021
9.	Outcomes of the 2021 Informal Consultation	IC report	May 2021
10.	Review and recommendations on the REU Work Programme 2020-2021	REU technical reports	April, July and November 2020

**Annex 2**

The draft workplan and schedule of meetings of the ExCom for 2019-2021

Meeting	Timeframe	Scope of the agenda
38/1	December 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of the main themes and the status of preparations for the 32nd ERC (Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 5-7 May 2020)</li> </ul>
38/2	April 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of the status of preparations for the 32nd ERC (2020)</li> <li>Review and recommendations on the REU Work Programme 2020-21: RI2: Food Loss and Waste</li> </ul>
38/3	July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of the status of preparations for the 32nd ERC (2020)</li> <li>Review and recommendations on the REU Work Programme 2020-2021: RI 1: Implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT)</li> </ul>
38/4	November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification of topics for the 42nd Session of ECA (2021)</li> <li>Preparation of the 42nd Session of ECA, including strategic thinking on improving modalities, impact and strategic engagement</li> <li>Review and recommendations on the REU Work Programme 2020-2021: RI3: Mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services in the agriculture sector</li> </ul>
38/5	February 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of the outcomes of the 32nd ERC (2020)</li> <li>Identification of topics in preparation of the 33rd ERC (2022)</li> <li>Preparation of the 42nd Session of ECA (2021), including strategic thinking on improving modalities, impact and strategic engagement</li> <li>Preparation of the 2021 Informal Consultation</li> <li>Review of progress made by REU on the recommendations of the 41st Session of ECA</li> </ul>
38/6	May 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification of topics in preparation of the 33rd ERC (2022)</li> <li>Preparation of the 42nd Session of ECA (2021), including strategic thinking on improving modalities, impact and strategic engagement</li> <li>Review of progress made by REU on the recommendations of the 41st Session of ECA</li> <li>Outcomes of the 2021 Informal Consultation</li> </ul>
38/7	June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification of topics in preparation for the 33rd ERC (2022)</li> <li>Preparation of the 42nd Session of ECA (2021), including strategic thinking on improving modalities, impact and strategic engagement</li> </ul>