




# **IMPLEMENTATION AND PROGRESS MADE ON DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 8<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE CSTD**



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# ECOSOC resolution 2005/52

- A. Centres of excellence network;
- B. Case studies compilation;
- C. ICT Benchmarking Tool; and
- D. STIP reviews.

# A. Establishment of a network of centres of excellence

## OBJECTIVE:

**To facilitate interaction, provide training and organize workshops**

## ACTIONS TAKEN:

- ✓ Grant from the Government of Italy;
- ✓ Steering Committee;
- ✓ Project Consultant

## **B. Case studies collection and compilation**

### **OBJECTIVE:**

**To showcase and demonstrate successful experiences and practices**

### **ACTIONS TAKEN:**

- ✓ 11 national S&T experiences compiled;
- ✓ Africa, Asia and South America represented;
- ✓ Areas covered range from agro-technology, health and agro-biotechnology through academia to ICT

# C. ICT Benchmarking Tool

## OBJECTIVE:

**To expand and update work on the Tool**

## ACTIONS TAKEN:

- ✓ Grant from the Government of Austria;
- ✓ New ICT development parameters; and
- ✓ Time-series feature.

## C. Digital Divide report

OBJECTIVE:

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- ✓ Track progress in ICT development;
- ✓ Analyze the digital divide; and
- ✓ Present best practices case studies.



## D. STIP Reviews

### OBJECTIVE:

**To assist interested countries in formulating and managing national science, technology and innovation policies**

### ACTIONS TAKEN:

- ✓ STIP Review of Angola: fact-finding mission to be fielded soon;
- ✓ Requests for STIPs received from Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Egypt

# Other matters

- A. Working Group on Africa;
- B. Meetings and workshops;
  1. Ministerial Round Table on Science, Technology and Innovation to meet the MDGs, including ICTs (New York, July 2005)
  2. High-level Round Table on Putting ICT to Work for the MDGs (WSIS)
  3. Round Table on Financing ICT through FDI (WSIS)
  4. Workshop on capacity building in ICT in Lesotho.