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NOTIFICATION

Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation (CSTD)

Third meeting

Geneva, Switzerland, 3–5 May 2017

The third meeting of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) will be held from 3 to 5 May 2017 in room XXVI of the Palais des Nations. It will commence at 10 a.m. This meeting is the third in a series of meetings intended to facilitate the reporting of the Working Group to the twenty-first session of CSTD in 2018.

Background and purpose of the meeting

During its seventieth session, the General Assembly undertook a comprehensive review of the 10-year implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes. In the outcome document of that review, General Assembly resolution 70/125 of 16 December 2015, the General Assembly requested the Chair of CSTD, through the Economic and Social Council, to establish a working group to develop recommendations on how to further implement enhanced cooperation as envisioned in the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, taking into consideration the work that had been done on the matter thus far. Pursuant to this request, the Chair established the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation on 2 May 2016.

The Working Group held its second meeting on 26 and 27 January 2017.¹As a follow-up to the meeting, the Chair invited all Working Group members and observers that had submitted contributions on the two guiding questions to revise the proposed compilation of recommendations document, in order to ensure that their proposals were properly reflected, as well as to submit amended or additional recommendations if necessary. The deadline to submit such inputs to the CSTD secretariat is 18 April 2017.

Based on additional and revised recommendations received, the secretariat will prepare a revised version of the compilation of recommendations document, which will then be submitted to the third meeting of the Working Group as a basis for discussion.

Participation and nominations

The composition of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation is available at <http://unctad.org/en/Pages/CSTD.aspx>. Member States of the United Nations that are not members of the Working Group may attend the meeting as observers.

¹ The chair's summary is available at http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/WGEC2016_m2_Summary_en.pdf.

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: [Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation](#). Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the meeting should be sent to the CSTD secretariat, Science and Technology Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0052; e-mail: stdev@unctad.org.

Member States of UNCTAD are requested to inform the secretariat of the name and contact details of the focal point of their delegation by 26 April 2017.

The working language of the meeting will be English.

Logistics

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. in order to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building E of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; therefore, visitors will be dropped off at the entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service grants special clearance.

Further information and contact details

Additional information on the meeting and official documents will be available online at <http://unctad.org/cstd>. Any questions about the preparations for the second meeting should be addressed to the CSTD secretariat, tel: 41 22 917 2083; fax: 41 22 917 0052; e-mail: stdev@unctad.org.

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