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INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

I. Main agenda items to be considered

1. The seventeenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) will be convened on Monday, 12 May 2014, in room XVIII of the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The session will open at 10.00 a.m. Due to security requirements, participants are advised to arrive on time, especially if they need to retrieve a badge at the Pregny Gate (see below).
2. The first day (12 May) will consist of an opening ceremony and two Ministerial Roundtables: one entitled 'Review of progress made in the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes' to be held in the morning at 11:00 a.m., and another entitled 'Science, technology and innovation for the post-2015 development agenda', to be held in the afternoon at 3:00 p.m. The first day will conclude with a reception that will be co-hosted by the USA and the CSTD secretariat as of 6:00 p.m.
3. The second day (13 May) will begin with the examination of the priority themes of the seventeenth session, i.e., (a) Science, technology and innovation for the post-2015 development agenda, and (b) Information and communications technologies for inclusive social and economic development. During the last part of the afternoon, the Commission will break out into regional groups to begin informal consultations on draft proposals for consideration by the Economic and Social Council. Following the meetings of the second day, Japan will host a reception as of 6.00 p.m.
4. The third day (14 May) will begin with the agenda item on 'Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to WSIS outcomes at the regional and international levels'. In addition to the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, the Commission will hold a substantive session on the WSIS+10 Review, pursuant to ECOSOC Resolution E/2013/9 para 47. This will be followed by a report on the progress made in the CSTD Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation (WGEC).
5. The fourth day (15 May) will begin with the presentation and discussion of the reports on science, technology and innovation policy (STIP) reviews. During the afternoon, informal consultations on draft proposals will be continued, including consultations on priority themes for the 18th session of the CSTD and key issues that could be addressed in the CSTD to contribute to the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

6. The last day (16 May) will be devoted to the election of the Chair and other officers for the eighteenth session of the Commission, and the discussion of the provisional agenda and documentation for its eighteenth session. The day will end with the adoption of the draft provisional agenda of the eighteenth session and the draft report of the seventeenth session.

II. Provisional annotated Agenda and organization of work

7. The provisional annotated Agenda is available at:

<http://unctad.org/en/pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=436>

Working hours will be from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

III. Participation

8. The list of members of the Commission is available at:

<http://unctad.org/en/Pages/CSTD/CSTD-Membership.aspx>

9. Plenary meetings of the CSTD are open to all United Nations member States (both members and non-members of the CSTD), representatives from intergovernmental organizations and from NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC. Representatives of NGOs and civil society entities that were accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), business sector entities including the private sector and academic entities may participate in the seventeenth session of the Commission on an exceptional basis (ECOSOC decision 2011/236, 2011/237, 2011/238).

IV. Pre-registration and badging for the seventeenth session of the CSTD

(i) Pre-registration

10. All delegates must pre-register. This is highly recommended to avoid delays in entry.

11. Member States are invited to notify the Secretariat of the CSTD regarding the composition of their delegations.

12. Geneva-based diplomats who already possess mission badges, and representatives of NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC in possession of an identity badge issued by UNOG security services and valid for the duration of the session, shall have unrestricted access to the plenary meetings of the CSTD. If they have not pre-registered, they should fill out a form when entering the meeting room to complete the “list of participants”.

13. All other participants (including participants from Geneva or New-York-based UN agencies without a valid identity badge issued by UNOG Security) are kindly asked to pre-register by completing the online registration form available at:

<http://unctad.org/en/pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=436>

(ii) Badging

14. For pre-registered participants, badges can be obtained at Pregny Gate in advance on Friday, 9 May 2014, from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. The badge facilities are open from 12 to 16 May 2014, from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. All participants will have to appear in person at the Pregny Gate in order to receive a non-photo badge and will have to present a valid passport or national ID-card along with the pre-registration document (see exceptions below para 15.)

15. Special rules shall apply for delegations coming to the opening of the CSTD on 12 May 2014 at the ministerial and higher levels. Entourage non-photo badges will be delivered that can be retrieved in advance. Permanent Missions will receive special information regarding the facilities for ministerial delegations.

16. Representatives of any entity mentioned in the second part of paragraph 9, will be issued a CSTD badge valid for the duration of the seventeenth session only upon the presentation of an identity document, proof of their status as a representative of any of these organisations, and the pre-registration document.

V. Oral interventions of observers

17. The modalities for oral interventions of observers will be announced by the Chair of the CSTD at the opening of the session.

VI. Written inputs to the work of the CSTD on WSIS follow-up

18. Governments, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC as well as NGOs, civil society and business entities mentioned in the second part of paragraph 9 may submit written inputs to the Commission. These inputs should be related to the agenda and objectives of the seventeenth session of the Commission. They can be submitted electronically to stdev@unctad.org. Written inputs will be published on the website of the seventeenth session of the CSTD in the language they are submitted. The secretariat will neither print nor circulate or translate these inputs. See the documents policy (Annex 1) for information regarding physical distribution by the submitting entity.

VII. Access to the Palais des Nations and to the conference rooms

19. Only those vehicles with stickers issued by the UNOG Security and Safety Section can access the Palais des Nations. Access to the premises by taxi is prohibited at all times. Therefore taxis will take participants no further than the entrance of the Pregny Gate.

20. Pedestrians will find it most convenient to use the Pregny Gate entrance and doors 40 and 41. Attention is drawn to a circular issued by UNOG which stipulates that, as a general rule, access to the United Nations premises with large luggage (i.e. bigger than carry-on hand-baggage) is not authorized. Pedestrians carrying large luggage will be directed to the Pregny Gate where, after being security cleared, those items will be stored to the extent of the storage space available.

21. Only holders of valid UNOG staff and Geneva mission badges will be allowed access through the Nations gate (flag gate).

22. A map of the Palais des Nations is available at:

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/meetings/map.pdf>

23. Room XVIII is situated in the E-Building (the Annex), and accessible through the Gate 40 Entrance, on the first floor.

VIII. IT issues

24. A computer point is available for use by participants on the 1st floor of the E Building, close to the bar "Serpent".

25. Wireless internet with free access is available in the plenary room and its immediate surroundings.

IX. Cloakroom facility

26. An unattended cloakroom and coat racks will be found in close proximity to all conference rooms. However, the United Nations can assume no responsibility for the loss or damage to any articles deposited there. Please note that large luggage and suitcases will not be allowed inside the premises of the Palais des Nations.

X. Hotel room reservations

27. Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations. A list of hotels in Geneva can be found from, e.g. <http://www.geneva-tourism.ch>. Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting since hotels in Geneva may be fully booked, given the large number of conferences or other events. Some hotels offer special rates for delegates in UN meetings. Please make the inquiry when you arrange the booking.

28. A list of budget hotels and foyers is available from CONGO at:

<http://www.ngocongo.org/congo-2012/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Recommended-Hotels-in-Geneva1.doc>

XI. Climate

29. The climate in Geneva in May is moderate, with daytime temperatures averaging 15°C (daytime temperatures may vary between 10°C and 20°C).

XII. Electrical appliances

30. The electrical current in Switzerland is 220 V/50 Hz. Swiss plugs are described on the website of <http://www.kropla.com/electric2.htm> as type J. Type C plugs can also be used.

XIII. Public transport and taxi

31. The Palais des Nations is served by several tram and bus lines. From the Cornavin train station, the most convenient transport is by Bus 8 (direction OMS), which serves Pregny Gate where the Pass and Identification Unit of UNOG is located (Appia stop). Buses 28, F, V and Z also serve the Appia stop. From the Airport, the best connection is Bus 28 (direction Jardin botanique), which runs every 20-30 minutes during daytime (Appia stop).

32. Tram number 15 (direction Place des Nations), as well as Bus 5 (direction Airport) serve the Place des Nations, from where participants will have to walk some 500 metres up the Avenue de la Paix to Pregny Gate. As a consequence of prevailing security measures, Flag Gate (Nations Gate) is reserved for UNOG and mission staff only. Further information such as itineraries, timetables, fares, etc. is available on the site of the Transports publics genevois at:

<http://www.tpg.ch/>

33. A taxi stand is located on route de Pregny, some 25 metres from the Pregny Gate, direction Place des Nations. Taxis are usually available round the clock. The following direct telephone number will ensure arrival within minutes: **022 33 141 33**.

XIV. Travel agency

34. The American Express travel agency has two offices, one on the ground floor in the lobby of the Council Building (door 6, ext. 72850) and the other in the entrance hall of the E-Building (second floor, door 40, ext. 74621). Opening hours Monday to Friday are 8.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

XV. Banking

35. Two UBS banks are located in the Palais des Nations: (1) at door 6, building S: open from Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.; (2) door 41, building E, open from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

XVI. Post Office

36. The post office is located at door 6, building S. Only UN stamps may be used there. Opening hours: 8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

XVII. Cafés and restaurants

37. The restaurant on the 8th floor of the Assembly Building serves hot meals from 12.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

38. The cafeteria, on the ground floor of the Assembly building is open Monday to Friday from 8.15 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. Lunch is served from 11.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
39. The Press bar on the ground floor of the Council Building is open Monday to Friday from 8.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
40. The “Bar Serpent” in the Conference room area of the E-Building is open from 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
41. The Delegate’s Lounge on the 3rd floor of the Assembly building (Room VI) is open from 8.30 a.m. to 4.45 p.m.
42. The Bar de la Palette on the 6th floor of the E-Building is open from 8.15 a.m. to 16:30 p.m.

XVIII. First Aid

43. **In case of any medical emergency, dial extension 112.** Otherwise, first aid is available at the Infirmierie located in the Secretariat building: room No. 016 (basement), door 2, ext. 72807. Opening hours are from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

XIX. Security

44. In case of emergency for all security problems, dial 15, or 17, or 18.

The Security Control and Operation Center (COC) operating 24H00/24H00, can be reached at the following number: (022) 917 2900, or 917 2902

XX. Practical Guide

45. A practical guide which summarize the information provided above is available for download at

http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical_information/2010_Practical_Guide.EFR.pdf

Annex 1**DOCUMENT POLICY****A. Official documents**

1. Official documents for the seventeenth session of the CSTD are made available in the six official UN languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Administrative documents are made available in English only. A set of official documents for all participants will be made available in the meeting room(s). All official and administrative documents for the seventeenth session of the CSTD will be posted on the CSTD website at:

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2. During the meeting, working documents may be established for negotiation purpose. Such documents will be made available in the meeting rooms in English only. Only official and administrative documents can be distributed in the meeting rooms.

B. Contributions

Written inputs to seventeenth session of the CSTD will be made available on the website of the seventeenth session of the CSTD in the language in which they were submitted. They can be submitted as an electronic file to stdev@unctad.org. If a Government, an intergovernmental organization, an NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC or a NGO, civil society or business entity mentioned in the second part of paragraph 9 would like to make hardcopies of their electronic contribution available to the participants, such hardcopies can be put on the tables located near the entrance to the plenary room.

C. Information documents

3. If a Government, an intergovernmental organization or an NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC or a NGO, civil society or business entity mentioned in the second part of paragraph 9 would like to make available to the participants documents other than contributions, such documents can be put on the tables located near the entrance of the plenary room. Such information documents must be directly and explicitly relevant to the CSTD's agenda and objectives of the session and should be clearly marked with the logo (or name and address) of the submitting entity. The CSTD secretariat is managing these tables and reserves the right to remove any documents which do not fulfil the above-mentioned criteria or are not compatible with ECOSOC resolution 1996/31.

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