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**Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Intersessional panel meeting**

Lima, Peru, 7–9 January 2013

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD presents his compliments to, and has the honour to inform, Governments and the organizations concerned that the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) will hold its 2012–2013 intersessional panel meeting in Lima, Peru, on 7–9 January 2013.

The panel will address the following two priority themes:

Theme I, which is related to the Commission's mandate to assist the Economic and Social Council in the follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society:

- **Internet broadband for an inclusive digital society;**

Theme II, which is related to the Commission's traditional mandate on science and technology:

- **Science, technology and innovation for sustainable cities and peri-urban communities.**

In addition, the panel will address the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society. The findings and recommendations of the panel will be considered at the sixteenth session of the Commission, to be held in May 2013. More information about the Commission is available at <http://www.unctad.org/cstd>.

UNCTAD will pay for the travel and per diem of invited representatives of CSTD member States. Representatives of non-CSTD member States are welcome to participate on the understanding that the cost of their attendance will be borne by their authorities. The current membership of the CSTD is attached for reference.

Interested parties should inform the UNCTAD secretariat, c/o Ms. Anne Miroux, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, Office E.7082/4, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: +41 (0)22 917 0052; e-mail: anne.miroux@unctad.org with a copy to stdev@unctad.org, before **16 November 2012**.

(signed)

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Secretary-General of UNCTAD

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States members of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development
as at 1 January 2013

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Brazil	Mauritius
Bulgaria	Mexico
Cameroon	Nigeria
Central African Republic	Oman
Chile	Peru
China	Philippines
Costa Rica	Portugal
Cuba	Russian Federation
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El Salvador	Saudi Arabia
Finland	Sri Lanka
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India	Togo
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