

# ECOSOC ANNUAL MINISTERIAL REVIEW

Science, technology and innovation  
(STI) and culture for sustainable  
development and the MDGs

## Regional Meetings were held in:

- ▣ Regional meetings were convened to solicit inputs.
  
- ▣ In each regional meeting, a topic related to the AMR theme that is of particular relevance to the region hosting the consultations was chosen to facilitate:
  - a) exchange of views among different stakeholders;
  - b) review of regional progress and challenges;
  - c) sharing of good practices;
  - d) generation of action-oriented recommendations; and
  - e) identification of regional perspectives to be reflected in the AMR.

## Regional Consultations on the AMR:

- Regional Preparatory Meeting for Western Asia, 'Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development', Amman, 26 November 2012
- Regional Preparatory Meeting for Latin America, "Science and Technology for Development", Lima, 9 January 2013
- Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia and the Pacific, "Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for Promoting Renewable Energy Technologies", Bangkok, 13 March, 2013
- Regional Preparatory Meeting for Africa, "Innovation for Sustainable Development", Dar es Salaam, 14 March, 2013
- Regional Preparatory Meeting for Europe, "The Role of Innovation in Creating a Dynamic and Competitive Economy", Geneva, 10 April, 2013

# Report of the Secretary-General on “Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals” for the 2013 Annual Ministerial Review

I. Introduction

II. The global context for science, technology, innovation (STI) and culture

III. Shaping the course of development: the role of STI

IV. The potential of culture for sustainable development

V. Strengthening multi-stakeholder collaboration and partnerships

VI. An enabling environment for transformative change toward sustainable development, through STI and culture

A. National Level

B. Regional and international levels

VII. Toward coherent policy and action frameworks:  
ECOSOC as a “thought leader”