United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Virtual Informal Meeting

10-12 June 2020, 2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. (CEST)

1. Participation and registration

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link to Indico: Commission on Science and Technology for Development. To facilitate approval of registration, we request that permanent missions confirm the list of their delegates by means of a note verbale or email. Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the meeting should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Science and Technology Section, email: stdev@unctad.org.

We request participants to register as soon as possible to facilitate quality assurance tests before the meeting dates. We recommend participants to use their personal e-mail addresses for registration, as links to the test sessions and the actual meeting will be communicated via e-mail.

2. Arrangement for the conduct of discussion in Plenary

Verbal statements

Delegations that would like to make an intervention during one of the virtual sessions are strongly encouraged to inform the CSTD Secretariat by 8 June 2020 at stdev@unctad.org. We would like to request delegations to the extent possible to make one statement only per country or organization per session, and to participate in the discussions through one delegate who will take the floor. During the sessions, delegates can request the floor through the hand raising functionality on the online platform and are asked to observe the time limit of 4 minutes for interventions during the virtual sessions. Questions may also be sent via the built-in chat on Interprefy, which will be monitored by the Secretariat during the sessions.

To ensure that statements are interpreted as clearly as possible, delegates are requested to submit a copy of their statements in advance by email to stdev@unctad.org.

Written statements

Written statements may be submitted for posting on the CSTD website. Please send written statements for posting to the CSTD website to stdev@unctad.org.

3. Logistical arrangements

Virtual Meeting Platform for CSTD23

The meeting will be organized through Interprefy, a remote simultaneous interpretation platform, with interpretation to all six UN official languages. More information about the platform is available at https://www.interprefy.com/. A user guide in six languages is also available on the webpage of the meeting under the tab “Documents”.

To avoid technical problems during the live meeting, we strongly encourage participants to participate in one of the test sessions. Registered participants will be informed by e-mail about how to connect to the test sessions, that are scheduled to take place at the following dates:

- Thursday, 28 May 2020: 12:00-17:00 CEST
- Friday, 29 May 2020: 12:00-17:00 CEST
• Tuesday, 2 June 2020: 12:00-17:00 CEST
• Wednesday, 3 June 2020: 12:00-17:00 CEST
• Thursday, 4 June 2020: 12:00-17:00 CEST
• Tuesday, 9 June 2020: 12:00-17:00 CEST

Support

For support related to the virtual platform, you can use the chat function on Interprefy and write to the “Moderator” or you can send an email to webinars@unctad.org.

Video streaming

The sessions will be live-streamed, more information will be provided during the following days on the CSTD meeting page at https://unctad.org/en/pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=2239.