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NOTIFICATION

Commission on Science and Technology for Development Twenty-second session

Geneva, 13-17 May 2019

The twenty-second session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held in Geneva from 13 to 17 May 2019. The Commission will address two priority themes: (a) the impact of rapid technological change on sustainable development; and (b) the role of science, technology and innovation in building resilient communities, including through the contribution of citizen science.

The Commission will also review the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and hear presentations on ongoing science, technology and innovation policy reviews. Participants will include representatives of Governments, civil society, the private sector and international organizations.

The session will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 13 May 2019, in room XVII of the Palais des Nations. The first day will consist of an opening ceremony and two high-level events, one entitled "The role of science, technology and innovation in empowering people and in ensuring inclusiveness and equality", to be held in the morning, and another entitled "The impact of rapid technological change on sustainable development", to be held in the afternoon.

A high-level event on "Progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international level" will take place on the afternoon of 14 May.

The text of the related note verbale dispatched from New York by the Secretary-General of the United Nations is attached for your information. A list of the member States of the Commission is also attached.

Member States are encouraged to be represented at the ministerial level during the high-level events. Travel expenses (but not per diem) are paid by UNCTAD for one representative of each member of the Commission.

International organizations and member States of UNCTAD that are not members of the Commission may attend the session as observers on the understanding that the cost of their attendance will be borne by their authorities. Please inform the secretariat before **8 April 2019** of the composition of your delegation and the name of the focal point for the session, so that the necessary arrangements for their participation can be made.

Nominations and participation

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: Commission on Science and Technology for Development. Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the meeting should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0052; email: stdev@unctad.org.

Logistics

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Prégny 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. 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; visitors will therefore 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

Questions about the preparations for the twenty-second session of the Commission should be addressed to Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, and Ms. Dong Wu, Chief, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, email: stdev@unctad.org; tel: 41 22 917 4171; fax: 41 22 917 0052.

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Secretary-General of UNCTAD

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Membership of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Members		Term expires on 31 December
2.	Belgium	2022
3.	Botswana	2022
4.	Brazil	2020
5.	Burkina Faso	2020
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7.	Canada	2022
8.	Chile	2020
9.	China	2022
10.	Cuba	2022
11.	Democratic Republic of the Congo	2020
12.	Dominican Republic	2022
13.	Ecuador	2022
14.	Egypt	2022
15.	El Salvador	2020
16.	Ethiopia	2022
17.	Finland	2020
18.	Germany	2020
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20.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2022
21.	Japan	2020
22.	Kazakhstan	2020
23.	Kenya	2022
24.	Latvia	2022
25.	Liberia	2022
26.	Mexico	2020
27.	Nepal	2022
28.	Nigeria	2020
29.	Oman	2022
30.	Portugal	2020
31.	Romania	2022
32.	Russian Federation	2020
33.	Saudi Arabia	2020
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35.	South Africa	2020
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37.	Thailand	2022
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