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NOTIFICATION

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Geneva, 21–25 May 2012

The fifteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) will be held in Geneva from 21 to 25 May 2012. The Commission will address two of its priority themes within the framework of its multi-year work programme, namely, (a) innovation, research, technology transfer for mutual advantage, entrepreneurship and collaborative development in the information society; and (b) open access, virtual science libraries, geospatial analysis and other complementary ICT and science, technology, engineering and mathematics assets to address development issues, with particular attention to education.

The Commission will also review the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). This will include consideration of improvements to the Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

In addition, the Commission will hear presentations on national science, technology and innovation policy reviews.

The participants will include representatives of governments, civil society, the private sector and international organizations.

The session will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 21 May 2012, in room XIX of the Palais des Nations. The first day will consist of an opening ceremony and two ministerial round tables: (a) “Review of progress made in the implementation of WSIS outcomes”, held in the morning; and (b) “Harnessing science and technology to address development challenges”, held in the afternoon. On the second day, the Commission will discuss the report of the working group on improvements to the IGF.

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 CSTD is attached. 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 **20 April 2012** 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.

Any questions about the preparations for the fifteenth session of the Commission should be addressed to Mr. Mongi Hamdi tel.: +41 (0)22 917 5069; fax: +41 (0)22 917 0052; e-mail: mongi.hamdi@unctad.org.

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2. Brazil	2012
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16. India	2014
17. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2014
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