



# **Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD)**

**Twenty-first session (14-18 May 2018)**

**Room XVII, Floor 1, E-Building  
Palais des Nations**

## **Proposed organization of work (as of 15 May 2018)<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> List of confirmed ministers available [here](#).

## Monday, 14 May

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| <p><b>10:00-12:00</b></p> | <p><b>Election of the Chair</b></p> <p><b>Opening Ceremony</b><br/> <b>Welcoming remarks by:</b> H.E. Mr. Plácido Gómez Ramírez, Vice Minister, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of Dominican Republic, and Chair of the twenty-first session of the CSTD<br/> <b>Opening statement by:</b> Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)<br/> <b>Address by:</b> Mr. Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU)</p> <p><b>A Conversation with Great Minds</b><br/> Moderator: Ms. Didi Akinyelure, Broadcast Journalist, BBC and CNBC Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Jacques Dubochet, Emeritus Professor of Biophysics, Lausanne University, Nobel Prize Laureate in Chemistry in 2017</li> <li>• Prof. Sir Roger Penrose, Emeritus Rouse Ball Professor of Mathematics in the University of Oxford and Emeritus Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford</li> </ul> <p><b>Item 1</b><br/> <b>Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters</b></p>  |
| <p><b>12:00-13:00</b></p> | <p><b>Item 1</b></p> <p><b>High-level discussion on "The role of science, technology and innovation in supporting sustainable and resilient societies"</b></p> <p><b>Contribution of the Commission to the 2018 High-level Segment of the Economic and Social Council</b></p> <p><i>General discussion</i></p>   |
| <p><b>15:00-17:30</b></p> | <p><b>Item 3 Science and Technology for Development</b></p> <p><b>High-level roundtable on "Impact of rapid technological change on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals"</b></p> <p><b>Introductory remarks by:</b> Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</p> <p><b>UNCTAD-UNMGCY video featuring voices of the young regarding new technologies</b>, introduced by Mr. Donovan Guttieres, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Andrew Revkin, Strategic Advisor for Environmental and Science Journalism, National Geographic Society, formerly of the New York Times</p> <p><b>Presentations by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Viktor Mayer-Schönberger, Professor of Internet Governance and Regulation, Oxford Internet Institute University of Oxford</li> <li>• Ms. Danielle R. Wood, Assistant Professor, Space Enabled Research Group, MIT Media Lab</li> <li>• Mr. Musa Mhlanga, Principal Researcher and technical manager of the biomedical translational research initiative, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, South Africa</li> </ul> |

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|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Ilkka Turunen, Special Government Advisor at the Cabinet of the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Culture, Finland</li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive discussion with ministers and other high-level representatives</b></p> <p><i>Interactive discussion</i></p> |
| <b>17:30-18:00</b> | <p><b>Item 3 Science and Technology for Development</b></p> <p><b>Briefing by the co-chairs of the third Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum 2018) (Japan and Mexico)</b></p> <p><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>                             |
| <b>18:30-20:00</b> | <p><b>CSTD Reception co-hosted by UNCTAD and the Government of Dominican Republic</b></p>   |

## Tuesday, 15 May

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| <b>10:00-13:00</b> | <p><b>Item 2</b></p> <p><b>Panel discussion on Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to WSIS outcomes at the regional and international levels, followed by general discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Vice-Chair of the CSTD</p> <p>Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, Head of the CSTD Secretariat, UNCTAD</p> <p><b>Presentations by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambassador Benedicto Fonseca, Chair of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation</li> <li>Ms. Lynn St Amour, Chair, MAG, Internet Governance Forum</li> <li>Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Chief, Strategic Planning and Membership Department, ITU</li> <li>Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, Director of global policy and strategy, Association for Progressive Communications</li> </ul> <p><i>Interactive discussion</i></p> |
| <b>15:00-18:00</b> | <p><b>Item 3</b></p> <p><b>Science and technology for development</b></p> <p><b>Panel discussion on Priority theme 2: Building digital competencies to benefit from existing and emerging technologies with a special focus on gender and youth dimensions</b></p> <p>Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General on priority theme 2 by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, Head of the CSTD Secretariat, UNCTAD</p> <p>Moderator: Vice-Chair of the CSTD</p>   |

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|  | <p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Miriam Nicado García, Rector University of Informatics Sciences (UCI), Ministry of Higher Education, Cuba</li> <li>• H.E. Ms. Helena Dalli, Minister of European Affairs and Equality, Malta</li> <li>• Ms. Shirley Malcom, Head of the Directorate of Education and Human Resources, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Member of the Gender Advisory Board</li> <li>• Ms. Sophia Bekele, Founder &amp; CEO of DotConnectAfrica Group</li> <li>• H.E. Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason Chair, Commission on the Status of Women (video message)</li> </ul> <p><i>Interactive discussion</i></p> |
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## Wednesday, 16 May

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| <p><b>10:00-13:00</b></p> | <p><b>Item 4</b><br/> <b>Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews</b></p> <p><b>Presentation of the preliminary findings of the ongoing STI Policy Reviews and new STI policy framework by:</b> Ms. Dong Wu, Chief, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p> <p><b>New STI policy framework and approaches to finance innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Elenita Daño, Co-executive Director of the Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration, Former Member of the 10-Member Group to Support TFM</p> <p><b>Presentations by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Al Watkins, Chairman, Global Solutions Network</li> <li>• Mr. Tateo Arimoto, Director, STI Policy Program, GRIPs</li> <li>• Ms. Andrea Marmolejo, Founder &amp; Managing Partner, Blue Topaz Capital</li> <li>• Ms. Chichi Umesi, Advisor, SDG Lab</li> </ul> <p><i>Interactive discussion</i></p> |
| <p><b>15:00-18:00</b></p> | <p><b>Item 3</b><br/> <b>Science and technology for development</b></p> <p><b>Panel discussion on Priority theme 1: The role of science, technology and innovation in increasing substantially the share of renewable energy by 2030</b></p> <p>Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General on priority theme 1 by Mr. Angel Gonzalez-Sanz, Chief, Science, Technology and ICT Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Vice-Chair of the CSTD</p> <p><b>Presentations by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD</li> </ul>  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Dolf Gielen, Director of the Innovation and Technology Center in Bonn, IRENA</li> <li>• Ms. Olasimbo Sojinrin, Country Manager, Solar Sister Nigeria</li> <li>• Mr. Thierry Lepercq, Executive Vice-President Research, Technology &amp; Innovation, ENGIE</li> </ul> <p><i>Interactive discussion</i></p> |
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## Thursday, 17 May

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| <b>10:00-13:00</b> | <b>Informal consultations on draft proposals</b>               |
| <b>15:00-15:30</b> | <b>Agenda item 2 and 3<br/>Progress report by facilitators</b> |
| <b>15:30-18:00</b> | <b>Informal consultations on draft proposals</b>               |

## Friday, 18 May

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| <b>10:00-13:00</b> | <b>Informal consultations on draft proposals continue</b>  |
| <b>15:00-18:00</b> | <p><b>Item 5<br/>Election of the Chair and other officers for the twenty-second session of the Commission</b></p> <p><b>Item 6<br/>Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-second session of the Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adoption of the draft provisional agenda of the twenty-second session</li> </ul> <p><b>Item 2 and 3<br/>Adoption of the draft proposals</b></p> <p><b>Item 7<br/>Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-first session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adoption of the draft report</li> </ul> <p><b>Closure of the session</b></p> |