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NOTIFICATION

Commission on Science and Technology for Development Intersessional Panel

18–22 January 2021

In light of the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and the limitations on in-person meetings and international travel, the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will hold its 2020–2021 intersessional panel meeting in a virtual format from 18 to 22 January 2021, from 1 to 3 p.m. (Central European Time).

The following two priority themes will be addressed:

- a) Using science, technology and innovation to close the gap on Sustainable Development Goal 3 on good health and well-being.
- b) Harnessing blockchain technology for sustainable development: prospects and challenges.

The Commission will also review progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.

Participation

Participants will include representatives of Governments, the private sector, international organizations and civil society. Non-governmental organizations should hold consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or accreditation with the World Summit on the Information Society.

Online registration is mandatory and should be completed as early as possible by using the following link: <https://indico.un.org/event/35437/>.

Logistics

Preparations are under way to organize the meeting through a virtual platform. To facilitate registration approval, permanent missions are kindly requested to confirm the list of participating delegates as soon as possible by means of a note verbale or an email. Links for the virtual meeting will be sent to the corresponding email address in advance of the start of the meeting.

Further information and contact details

Questions on preparations should be addressed to Ms. Liping Zhang, Chief, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, Tel: 41 22 917 5701; email: stdev@unctad.org.

Membership of the Commission can be accessed by using the following link: [CSTD membership](#). For more information on the Commission, please visit <http://unctad.org/en/Pages/CSTD.aspx>.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mukhisa Kituyi'.

Mukhisa Kituyi
Secretary-General, UNCTAD

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