



## COURSE ON KEY ISSUES ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AGENDA

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### **Frontier Technologies: Addressing widening inequalities and Implementing STI policies for leaving no one behind**

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#### **PROGRAMME**

<b>Geneva, Palais des Nations</b>		<b>Room XXIV</b>
10:00 - 10:15	<p>Welcome address, Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics</p> <p>Short course will be moderated by Ms. Randa Jamal, Economic Affairs Officer / OIC, Policy Capacity Building Section</p>	
10:15 - 11:15	<p><b>Session 1</b></p> <p>This session will provide an overview on recent development in frontier technologies, including artificial intelligence, robotics and gene editing, and the potential they have in making development sustainable. However, they also raise concerns regarding the increasing disparities between the haves and have-nots in terms of technology and the widening gap. Therefore, this session will address challenging and pertinent questions; such as, the impact of frontier technologies on inequalities and how Governments can minimize risks and maximize opportunities.</p> <p>Presented by Mr. Clovis Freire, Economic Affairs Officer, Science, Technology and ICT Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p> <p>Q&amp;A</p>	
11:15 - 12:00	<p><b>Session 2</b></p> <p>This session will build on the previous one and focus on the current policy approaches of frontier technologies. If channeled in certain directions, will the existing inequalities widen or create new opportunities? Additionally, the session will shed light on the status of the readiness of countries to use, adopt and adapt frontier technologies, in addition to examples of strategies and policies for harnessing frontier technologies leaving no one behind. In this regard, the role of international cooperation will be addressed.</p> <p>Presented by Mr. Clovis Freire, Economic Affairs Officer, Science, Technology and ICT Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p> <p>Q&amp;A</p>	