

Commission on Science and Technology for Development, twenty-sixth session

Programme

Room Tempus, Palais des Nations
Times indicated in the programme are in CEST



* Delegates are informed that the 26th annual session is essentially in a physical format. Any interventions at the opening and closing plenaries concerning the adoption of the provisional agenda and of the outcomes of the session (report, resolutions) need to be made from the conference room. During that time participants connected online will still be able to follow the discussions. The Special Event: Conversation with Great Minds will be in hybrid format. For other sessions, participants can follow remotely, with a limited speaking opportunity, because the speaking time for all remote speakers with interpretation into UN official languages can only add up to a maximum of 30 minutes per session.

<p>10:30-11:55 Hybrid</p>	<p>Opening plenary</p> <p>Agenda item 1</p> <p>Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters</p> <p>Chairperson: H.E. Mr. Luis Chuquihuara Chil, Chair of the CSTD</p> <p>Opening statement by Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD</p> <p>Special Address by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms Lachezara Stoeva, President of the Economic and Social Council & Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations in New York • Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union
<p>12:00 – 13:00</p>	<p>CSTD Special event: <i>A Conversation with Great Minds</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Julia Sieger, Presenter of Tech24 Programme, FRANCE24</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hiroshi Amano, Professor, Institute of Materials and Systems for Sustainability, Nagoya University • Ms. Karen Scrivener, Professor, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland <p>Q & A</p>
<p>15:00 – 18:00</p>	<p>Ministerial Roundtable on the role of science, technology, and innovation in accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels: Contribution of the Commission to the 2023 theme of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development and the implementation of its 2022 Ministerial Declaration</p> <p>Moderator: H. E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah, Vice-Chair of the CSTD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the UNCTAD Technology and Innovation Report 2023: <i>Opening green windows - Technological opportunities for a low-carbon world</i>: Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD • Remarks by Co-Chairs of STI Forum 2023: H.E. Ms Mathu Joyini, Ambassador of South Africa to the United Nations in New York & H.E. Mr. Thomas Woodroffe, United Kingdom Ambassador to the UN Economic and Social Council • Remarks by H.E. Ms. Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani, Chair of the 61st Commission for Social Development

Ministerial speakers

- H.E. Ms. Maria do Rosário Sambo, Minister of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Angola
- H.E. Mr. Pierre Gomez, Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology, Gambia (represented in person by Dr. Mucktarr M.Y Darboe, Deputy Permanent Secretary)
- H.E. Mr. Peiman Salehi, Deputy Minister for Research, Ministry of Science Research and Technology, Iran
- H.E. Ms. Rekha Sharma, Minister for Communication and Information Technology, Nepal (Represented in person by H.E. Mr. Mani Prasad Bhattarai, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Nepal to the UN in Geneva)
- H.E. Ms. Leah J. Buendia, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Philippines
- H.E. Mr. Thulagano Segokgo, Minister of Communications, Knowledge and Technology, Botswana
- H.E. Ms. Léocadie Ndacayisaba, Ministre de la Communication, des Technologies de l'Information et des Médias, Burundi
- H.E. Mrs. Mayra Arevich Marín, Minister of Communications, Cuba
- H.E. Ms Anda Čakša, Minister for Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia
- H.E. Dr. Srivari Chandrasekher, Vice Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, India
- Mr. Benjamin Abelardo Marticorena Castillo, President of National Council for Science, Technology and Innovation, Peru
- Mr. Xavier Paz, Under-Secretary of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Ecuador
- Ms. Allison Schwier, Acting Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State, Department of State, United States

General discussion

Tuesday, 28 March

8:30-9:45

- **Hybrid breakfast event: From data protection to data empowerment: good practices from around the world on data spaces, data commons and data governance** (Permanent Missions of Austria, India and Switzerland. English language only, Venue: Tempus Room)

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/e/cUpcPfxkR>

- **Virtual side event: Activating youth innovators: Pathways to enable youth leadership in STI for the Sustainable Economy** (Youth Science-Policy Interface, UN Major Group for Children and Youth) (English language only)

Registration

link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wTns41MU3Mm6HZwW5wykiO_MwU2TuAsQVpqtDIok1V8/edit

<p>10:00-13:00</p>	<p>High-level panel on Ensuring safe water and sanitation for all: a solution through science, technology and innovation</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Ana Cristina Amoroso das Neves, Vice-Chair of CSTD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.16/2022/3) by the CSTD Secretariat: Mr. Angel Gonzalez Sanz, Head, Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Leah J. Buendia, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Philippines • Mr. Enrique Cabrera, Professor of the Polytechnic University of Valencia, Spain & Vice President of International Water Association • Mr. Doulaye Kone, Deputy Director of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Program, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation • Mr. Sucharit Koontanakulvong, Distinguished Scholar in Water Resources Management, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand <p><i>Discussant:</i> Ms. Sophia Huyer, Member of the Gender Advisory Board of the CSTD</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>
<p>13:20 – 14:35</p>	<p>Hybrid lunch event: Application of Satellite Technology to Support Inclusive Implementation of the SDGs (UNCTAD & ANSO & AIRCAS. English language only. Venue: Tempus Room)</p> <p>Registration link: https://forms.office.com/e/cUpcPfzxkR</p>
<p>15:00 - 18:00</p>	<p>Agenda item 3</p> <p>Science and Technology for Development</p> <p>High-level panel on Technology and innovation for cleaner and more productive and competitive production</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Mansour Al-Qurashi, Vice-Chair of the CSTD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.16/2022/2) by the CSTD Secretariat: Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Srivari Chandrasekher, Vice Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, India • Ms. Xiaolan Fu, Professor of Technology and International Development, University of Oxford • Ms. Gianna Sagazio, Innovation Director, National Confederation of Industry (CNI), Brazil <p><i>Discussant:</i> Ms. Ariesta Ningrum, Manager, Means of Implementation Division, UNFCCC</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>

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Wednesday, 29 March

8:30–9:45	<p>Hybrid breakfast event: Protecting Information Integrity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (Permanent Mission of Latvia. English language only. Venue: Tempus Room)</p> <p>Registration link: https://forms.office.com/e/cUpcPfzkkR</p>
10:00-11:30	<p>Agenda item 4</p> <p>Presentation of reports on science, technology, and Innovation policy reviews</p> <p>Moderator: H. E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah, Vice-Chair of the CSTD</p> <p>Launch of the STI Policy Review Reports of Angola & Botswana & Launch of the STI Foresight Report for Botswana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the Angola Innovation Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Clovis Freire, Chief, Technology & Innovation Policy Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD ○ Mr. Edo Stork, Resident Representative, UNDP Angola Office • Follow up actions and way forward in Angola: H.E. Ms. Maria do Rosário Sambo, Minister of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Angola • Overview of the STI Policy Review Report and the STI Foresight Report for Botswana: Mr. Michael Lim, Economic Affairs Officer, Science, Technology and Innovation for Development Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD • Follow up actions and way forward in Botswana: H.E. Mr. Thulagano Merafe Segokgo, Minister of Communications, Knowledge and Technology, Botswana <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>
11:30-13:00	<p>Highlights of Technical cooperation activities under the CSTD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview by the Secretariat: Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD • Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cropwatch Innovative programme: Mr. WU Bingfang, International Association of national science organizations & China Academy of Science - Young female scientist programme & Young scientist PHD programme: Mr. Atsufumi Yokoi, Senior Vice President, Okayama University - Bio, circular and green growth: Ms. Patamawadee Pochanukul, President of Thailand Science Research and Innovation - Satellite technologies for sustainable urban development: Mr. Emir Sirage, Chief Executive Officer, Atlantic International Research Centre <p>Q & A</p>

<p>13:20 – 14:35</p>	<p>Hybrid side event: the multi-faceted implications of AI (UNCTAD & International Federation for Information Processing. English language only. Venue: Tempus Room)</p> <p>Registration link: https://forms.office.com/e/cUpcPfzkkR</p>
<p>15:00- 17:30</p>	<p>Agenda item 2</p> <p>Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international level</p> <p>High-level panel on progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international level</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Peter Major, Vice-Chair of the CSTD</p> <p>Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General (A/77/62-E/2022/8) by the Secretariat: Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Amandeep Gill, Envoy on Technology of the United Nations Secretary-General • Mr. Tomas Lamanauskas, Deputy Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union • Mr. Paul Mitchell, Chair of the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group Internet Governance Forum • Ms. Anita Gurumurthy, Executive Director, IT for Change, India <p>Remarks by H.E. Ms Mathu Joyini, Chair of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women 66, and Ambassador of South Africa to the United Nations in New York</p> <p>Briefing by Mr. Johan Ekerhult, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Sweden in Geneva on behalf of H.E. Ms. Anna Karin Eneström, Ambassador & Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, co-chair for the Global Digital Compact consultations</p> <p>Remarks by Cédric Wachholz, Chief, Digital Policy and Digital Transformation Section, on behalf of Mr. Tawfik Jelassi, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO</p> <p>Discussant: Mr. David Souter, Managing Director, ICT Development Associates</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p> <p>Ministerial intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Léocadie Ndacayisaba, Ministre de la Communication, des Technologies de l'Information et des Médias, Burundi • H.E. Mr. Ousman A Bah, Honourable Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Gambia (represented in person by Mr. Malang A. Bass, Deputy Permanent Secretary) • H.E. Mr. Thulagano Segokgo, Minister of Communications, Knowledge and Technology, Botswana • H.E. Ms. Paola Pierina Lazarte Castillo, Minister of Transport and Communications, Peru • Mr. Edwin S. Ligot, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Information and Communications Technology, the Philippines

	General intervention
17:30– 18:00	Presentation of the CSTD Roadmap for the WSIS+20 review: H.E. Mr. Luis Chuquihuara Chil, Chair of the CSTD

Thursday, 30 March

10:00- 13:00	Informal consultations (on two CSTD resolutions: STI & ICT)
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00- 18:00	Informal consultations (continued)

Friday, 31 March

10:00- 13:00	Informal consultations (continued)
15:00- 18:00	<p>Closing plenary Chairperson: H.E. Mr. Luis Chuquihuara Chil, Chair of the CSTD</p> <p>Agenda item 5 Election of the Chair and other officers for the twenty-seventh session of the Commission</p> <p>Agenda item 6 Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-seventh session of the Commission, including its priority themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the draft provisional agenda of the twenty-sixth session <p>Agenda item 2 and 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the draft proposals for resolutions and decisions <p>Agenda item 7 Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-sixth session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the draft report <p>Closing of the session</p>