



UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

2023-2024 Inter-sessional Panel

Venue: LNEC (10 am-1 pm, 3-6 pm WET), in-person
6-7 November 2023, Lisbon, Portugal

Programme

Day One (Monday, 6 November 2023)	
9:00 – 9:45	On-site Registration
Opening Ceremony	
Moderator: Ms. Ana Cristina das Neves, Chair of the CSTD	
10:00 – 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD • H.E. Mr. Mário Campolargo, Secretary of State for Digitalisation and Administrative Modernisation, Portugal
Theme 1: Data for Development	
Moderator: Mr. Peter Major, Vice Chair of CSTD	
10:15 – 10:30	Keynote speech by H.E. Mr. Mário Campolargo, Secretary of State for Digitalisation and Administrative Modernisation, Portugal
10:30 – 10:45	Introduction of the Issues Paper by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL), UNCTAD & Head of the CSTD Secretariat
10:45 – 11:45	Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jun YANG, Professor & Director of Digital Economy Lab, University of International Business & Economics, China • Ms. Stephanie Diepeveen, Senior Research Associate, Public Policy Institute, Cambridge University • H.E. Mr. Sabri Bachtobji, Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations Office at Geneva & Chair of the 6th Session of the UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy (video conference) • Ms. Anita Gurumurthy, Founding Member and Executive Director, IT for Change, India
11:45 – 13:00	<i>Interactive discussions among participants, including questions and comments for panelists</i>
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break
Theme 2: Global Cooperation on Science, Technology and Innovation for Development	
Moderator: Ms. Ana Cristina das Neves, Chair of the CSTD	
15:00 – 15:20	Introduction of the Issues Paper by Mr. Antonio Vezzani, Economic Affairs Officer, Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, DTL, UNCTAD
15:20 – 16:20	Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Charlotte Lindberg Warakaulle, Director for International Relations, CERN • Ms. Federica Bicchi, Associate Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics • Mr. Javier Mateo-Vega, Global Director, Partnerships & Communications – Alliance and Senior Director, Partnerships Stewardship, Innovation and Intelligence, CGIAR • Mr. Mario Cervantes, Senior Economist, Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy, Science and Technology Policy Division, Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD

16:20 – 17:00	<i>Interactive discussions among participants, including questions and comments for panelists</i>
17:00 – 17:45	<p>Parallel Break-out informal discussion on the two themes of the 27th CSTD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 1 Data for Development • Theme 2 Global Cooperation in STI for Development
17:45 – 18:00	Plenary session: Reporting by the moderators of the break-out sessions
18:30 – 20:00	<i>Reception at the Atrium of the LNEC Congress Center</i>

Day Two (Tuesday, 7 November 2023)

Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to WSIS outcomes at the regional and international levels	
Moderator: Mr. Peter Major, Vice Chair of the CSTD	
10:00 – 10:20	Introduction by Mr. David Souter, Managing Director, ICT Development Associates
10:20 – 11:20	<p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Wolfgang Kleinwächter, Professor Emeritus for International Communication Policy and Regulation, Department for Media and Information Studies, University of Aarhus, Denmark • Ms. Sally Costerton, the Interim President and CEO, ICANN (video conference) • Mr. Gbenga Sesan, Executive Director, Paradigm Initiative, Nigeria (video conference) • Ms. Gitanjali Sah, Strategy and Policy Coordinator, International Telecommunications Union • Mr. Chengetai Masango, Head of Office, Secretariat of Internet Governance Forum (video conference)
11:20 – 13:00	<i>Interactive discussions among participants, including questions and comments for panelists.</i>
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break
Informal discussion on the UN processes: WSIS+20 and Global Digital Compact	
Moderator: Ms. Ana Cristina das Neves, Chair of the CSTD	
15:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing by H. E. Mr. Chola Milambo, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations in New York & Co-Facilitator of the Global Digital Compact consultations (video conference) • Briefing by Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology on the UN support to the Global Digital Compact process (video conference)
15:30 – 15:50	<p>Discussion starters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Peter Major, Special Advisor to the Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations in Geneva • Mr. Wolfgang Kleinwächter, Professor Emeritus for International Communication Policy and Regulation, Department for Media and Information Studies, University of Aarhus, Denmark
15:50 – 16:50	<i>Interactive Discussions</i>
Closing session	
Moderator: Ms. Ana Cristina das Neves, Chair of the CSTD	
16:50 – 17:00	Closing remarks by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, DTL, UNCTAD and Head of the CSTD Secretariat