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

Programme

15 - 19 April 2024, Room XIX, 3rd Floor, Building E, Palais des Nations
Times indicated in the programme are in CEST

*Delegates are informed that the 27th annual session will be held in person. Only speakers in the programme will be given remote access, due to limitations in the time available for interpretation of remote speakers. 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.

	Monday, 15 April 2024

10:00-
10:30
	Opening plenary
	Agenda item 1
	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	
	Chairperson: *Ms. Ana Cristina Amoroso das Neves, Chair of CSTD*
	
	• **Opening statement by** Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
	
	• **Special Address by**
	    ○ ***Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin,*** *Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union*
	    ○ ***H.E. Ms. Paula Narváez,*** *President of the Economic and Social Council & Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations in New York*

10:30 – 12:00	***CSTD Special event: A Conversation with Great Minds*** **Moderator:** Ms. Didi Akinyelure • ***Professor Yau, Shing-Tung,*** *Director of the Yau Mathematical Sciences Center at Tsinghua University and Professor Emeritus at Harvard University* • ***Professor Rolf-Dieter Heuer,*** *Former Director-General of CERN* • ***Professor Nicola Spaldin,*** *ETH Zurich*
12:00 – 13:00	**Ministerial Roundtable** on the role of science, technology, and innovation in reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions: Contribution of the Commission to the 2024 theme of the Economic and Social Council and the High-level Political Forum on sustainable development and the implementation of its 2023 Ministerial Declaration **Moderator:** *Ms. Ana Cristina Amoroso das Neves, Chair of CSTD* ***Ministerial discussion*** • H.E. Mr. Yacine El-Mahdi Oualid, Minister of Knowledge Economy, Start-ups and Micro-enterprises, Algeria • H.E. Ms. Maria Do Rosário Bragança Sambo, Minister of High Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Angola • H.E. Ms. Léocadie Ndacayisaba, Minister of Communication, Information Technology and Media, Burundi • H.E. Ms. Jelena Begović, Minister of Science, Technology Development and Innovation, Serbia • H.E. Mr. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary of Science and Technology, India • H.E. Mr. Wilfredo González Vidal, First Vice Minister, Ministry of Communications, Cuba • H.E. Ms. Leah J. Buendia, Undersecretary for Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology of the Republic of the Philippines • H.E. Ms. Maryprisca Winfred Mahundi, Deputy Minister of Information, Communication and Information Technology, United Republic of Tanzania • H.E. Mr. Mahdi Elyasi, Deputy Head of the Vice Presidency for Policy Making and Development, Science, Innovation, and Knowledge-Based Economy, Iran • Ms. Patricia Gruber, Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State, United States of America

	• Mr. Mucktarr Darboe, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Technical, Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology, Gambia *General discussion*

13:15-
14:45
	Opening of the CSTD Exhibition on Global Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation for Development, Gallery, 3rd Floor, Building E
	
	Master of Ceremony: *Ms. Ana Cristina Amoroso das Neves, Chair of CSTD*
	
	• ***Opening remarks by*** Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
	
	• ***Special Address by***
	
	    o *H.E. Ms. Leah J. Buendia, Undersecretary for Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology of the Republic of the Philippines*
	    o *H.E. Mr. HONSEI Kozo, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva*
	
	Followed by reception (same venue)

15:00- 18:00	**Agenda item 3** **Science and Technology for Development** *High-level panel on Global Cooperation on STI for Development* **Moderator:** *Ms. Ana Cristina Amoroso das Neves, Chair of CSTD* **Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General:** *Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD & Head, CSTD Secretariat* *Panellists* • Ms. Khuloud Odeh, Global Director of Digital and Data, and the Executive Director of the CGIAR System Organization • Mr. Delong Luo, Deputy Director General of ITER • Mr. Jerry Sheehan, Director of Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD *Special Ministerial Segment* • H.E. Ms. Leah J. Buendia, Undersecretary for Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology of the Republic of the Philippines • H.E. Mr. Mahdi Elyasi, Deputy Head of the Vice Presidency for Policy Making and Development, Science, Innovation, and Knowledge-Based Economy, Iran • Ms. Ivana Vukasinovic, Assistant Minister at the Ministry of science, technological development and innovation, Republic of Serbia ***Interactive discussion***

Tuesday, 16 April 2024

09:00-10:00	**Breakfast side event:** *Shaping the Future of AI,* by World Digital Technology Academy (Meeting venue: room XXII, 1ST floor, building E, Hybrid event) **Registration link: https://forms.office.com/e/pApkxMEH66**
10:00-13:00	**Agenda item 3** **Science and Technology for Development** *High-level panel on Data for Development* **Moderator:** H. E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah, Vice-Chair of the CSTD • **Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General:** *Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD & Head, CSTD Secretariat* **Panel on opportunities and challenges, including data governance** *Panelists:* • Mr Sunil Wadhwani, Co-founder, Wadhwani AI • Mr. Asif Bhatti, Strategic Partnership Lead, OpenAI • Mr. Denis Naughten, Chair, Working Group on Science and Technology, Inter-Parliamentary Union • Ms. Sana Khareghani, Professor of Practice, King's College London • Mr. Yi Zeng, Founding Director of CAS International Research Center for AI Ethics and Governance *Special Ministerial Segment* • H.E. Ms. Maria Do Rosário Bragança Sambo, Minister of High Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Angola • H.E. Ms. Devika Vidot, Minister of Investment, Entrepreneurship and Industry, Seychelles • H.E. Ms. Leah J. Buendia, Undersecretary for Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology of the Republic of the Philippines • Mr. Mucktarr Darboe, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Technical, Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology, Gambia *Interactive discussion* *Discussants* • Ms. Sophia Huyer, Member of the Gender Advisory Board of the CSTD • Mr. George Boateng, Co-founder of Kwame.AI and Postdoctoral researcher at ETH Zurich
13:30-14:30	**Lunch side event:** *Panel on Data-Driven Services for Countries: Advancing Development Through Earth Intelligence,* **by The Group on Earth Observations (GEO)** (Meeting venue: room XXII, 1ST floor, building E, In-person event) **Registration link: https://forms.office.com/e/pApkxMEH66**

15:00-18:00	**Agenda item 3** **Science and Technology for Development** *High-level panel on Data for Development (continued)* **Moderator:** H. E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah, Vice-Chair of the CSTD **Panel on UN system's work on AI** *Panelists* • Mr. Steve MacFeely, Director for Data and Analytics, WHO • Ms. Virginia Dignum, Director of the AI Policy Lab, Umea University & UN AI Advisory Board member • Ms. Peggy Hicks, Director of the Thematic Engagement, OHCHR • Mr. Cédric Wachholz, Chief for Digital Policies and Digital Transformation, UNESCO • Mr. Torbjörn Fredriksson, Chief for E-Commerce and Digital Economy, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD • Ms. Sadhvi Saran, Strategy and Policy Advisor, ITU ***Q&A***

	Wednesday, 17 April 2024
9:00–10:00	**Breakfast side event:** *Building an Economic Justice Playbook for WSIS+ 20: An Expert-led Dialogue*, by IT for Change (Meeting venue: room XXII, 1ST floor, building E, Hybrid event) **Registration link: https://forms.office.com/e/pApkxMEH66**
10:00-13:00	**Agenda item 2** **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 & Discussion on WSIS+20 review** **Moderator:** Mr. Peter Major, Vice-Chair of the CSTD • **Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General***: Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD* • **Introduction of the outline of the WSIS+20 review report by the Secretariat:** *Mr. Angel Gonzalez-Sanz, Head, Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD* *Panellists* • Mr. Jorge Cancio, Deputy Director of International Relations at the Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM), Switzerland • Ms. Carol Roach, Chair of the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group Internet Governance Forum • Ms. Nur Sulyna Abdullah, Chief, Strategic Planning and Membership, and Special Advisor to the Secretary-General, ITU • Mr. Cédric Wachholz, Chief for Digital Policies and Digital Transformation, UNESCO *Special Ministerial Segment* • H.E. Mr. Saqib Bhatti MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Tech and the Digital Economy), United Kingdom • H.E. Mr. Ousman A. Bah, Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Gambia • H.E. Mr. Ivan John E. Uy, Secretary, Department of Information and Communications Technology of the Republic of the Philippines • H.E. Mr Wilfredo González Vidal, First Vice Minister, Ministry of Communications, Cuba • H.E. Ms. Maryprisca Winfred Mahundi, Deputy Minister of Information, Communication and Information Technology, United Republic of Tanzania • Ms. Sihem Trabelsi, CEO of the Tunisian Internet Agency (TUNISIE Internet), Tunisia ***Interactive discussion***

12:00-13:00	**Informal Discussion on Global Digital Compact** *Briefing by Ms. Isabel De Sola Criado, Office of the Technology Envoy of the UN Secretary-General, to be followed by discussion.*
13:30 – 14:30	**Lunch side event: *Side event on UNCTAD-Okayama University Joint Research and Training Programme,*** by Okayama University, Permanent Mission of Japan and UNCTAD (Meeting venue: room XXII, 1ST floor, building E, In-person event) **Registration link: https://forms.office.com/e/pApkxMEH66**
15:00-17:30	**Agenda item 4** **Presentation of reports on science, technology, and innovation policy reviews and technology assessment** **Moderator:** *Ms. Leah J. Buendia, Vice-Chair Nominee of the CSTD* *a) Launch of the STI Policy Review Report of Seychelles* - **Overview of the STI Policy Review Report of Seychelles**: *Mr. Angel Gonzalez-Sanz, Head, Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD* - **Follow up actions and way forward:** *H.E. Ms. Devika Vidot, Minister of Investment, Entrepreneurship and Industry, Seychelles* *(b) Launch of Technology Assessment Reports of Seychelles and Zambia* - **Assessment of Agrivoltaics technology in Seychelles:** *- H.E. Ms. Devika Vidot, Minister of Investment, Entrepreneurship and Industry, Seychelles* *- Ms. Cynthia Alexander, Director-General, Division for Science and Technology, Ministry of Investment, Entrepreneurship and Industry, Seychelles* - **Assessment of biogas technology in Zambia** *- Mr. John Lukonde Chongo, Assistant Director for Science, Technology and Innovation, Ministry of Science and Technology, Zambia* <u>***Interactive discussions***</u> *(c) Presentation of UNCTAD's e-Learning Platform on STI Policy for Development by the UNCTAD secretariat: Mr. Dimo Calovski, Economic Affairs Officer, Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD* <u>***Q & A***</u>

	Thursday, 18 April 2024
10:00-13:00	**Informal consultations** on draft CSTD resolutions
13:00 – 15:00	**Lunch break**
15:00-18:00	**Informal consultations (continued)**

	Friday, 19 April 2024
10:00-13:00	**Informal consultations (continued)**
15:00-18:00	**Closing plenary** **Chairperson:** *Ms. Ana Cristina Amoroso das Neves, Chair of CSTD* **Agenda item 5** **Election of the Chair and other officers for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission** **Agenda item 6** **Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission, including its priority themes** • Adoption of the draft provisional agenda of the twenty-eighth session **Agenda item 2 and 3** • Adoption of the draft proposals for resolutions and decisions **Agenda item 7** **Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-seventh session** • Adoption of the draft report **Closing of the session**