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CSTD 2019–2020 Inter-sessional Panel on
"Harnessing rapid technological change for inclusive and sustainable development" and
"Exploring space technologies for sustainable development and the benefits of international research collaboration in this context"

Room XXVI, Palais de Nations, Geneva
7-8 November 2019

Draft Programme

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Day One (Thursday, 7 November 2019)
Morning session
10:00 - 10:20 · Welcoming remarks by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL) and Head of the CSTD Secretariat, UNCTAD · Introductory remarks by Mr. Kekgonne Edinton Baipoledi, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology, Botswana and Chair of the CSTD · Opening remarks by Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
Theme 1: Harnessing rapid technological change for inclusive and sustainable development **Chair: Mr. Kekgonne Edinton Baipoledi, Chair of the CSTD**
10:20 - 10:35 · Introduction of the Issues Paper by Mr. Angel Gonzalez Sanz, Chief, Science, Technology and ICT Branch, UNCTAD
10:35 - 13:00 · Presentation by H.E. Mr. Madhi Elyasi, Deputy Vice President for Science and Technology, Islamic Republic of Iran · Presentation by Ms. Funmi Adewara, Founder of Mobihealth International · Presentation by Ms. Irmgard Nübler, Senior Economist, Research Department, International Labour Organisation · Presentation by Ms. Eniola Mafe, Project Lead of Internet for All, World Economic Forum (tbc) · *Questions for panellists and interactive discussion*
13:00 - 15:00 Lunch break
14:00 - 15:00 **Side Event: "Space Applications for Sustainable Development: Copernicus and CropWatch in Action"**
Afternoon session

Theme 2: Exploring space technologies for sustainable development and the benefits of international research collaboration in this context Chair: Vice-Chair of the CSTD	
15:00 - 15:15	• Introduction of the Issues Paper by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, DTL and Head of the CSTD Secretariat, UNCTAD
15:15 - 18:00	• Presentation by Mr. Mauro Facchini, Head of the Copernicus Unit, Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission • Presentation by Mr. Bingfang Wu, Division Head of Digital Agriculture, Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth, Chinese Academy of Sciences • Presentation by Ms. Danielle R. Wood, Assistant Professor, Space Enabled Research Group, MIT Media Lab • Presentation by Mr. Halidu D. Ibrahim, Director, Space Regulation & Special Duties, Engineering and Space System, Nigerian National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) • *Questions for panellists and interactive discussion*

Day Two (Friday, 8 November 2019)	
Morning session	
Interactive discussions of Issues Papers **Chair: Mr. Kekgonne Edinton Baipoledi, Chair of the CSTD**	
10:00 - 13:00	• Interactive discussions on the Issues Paper on "Harnessing rapid technological change for inclusive and sustainable development", and recommendations for the Report of the Secretary-General and the twenty-third session of the CSTD
10:00 - 13:00	• Interactive discussions on the Issues Paper on "Exploring space technologies for sustainable development and the benefits of international research collaboration in this context", and recommendations for the Report of the Secretary-General and the twenty-third session of the CSTD
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch break
Afternoon session	
Reporting of the interactive discussions of Issues Papers **Chair: Mr. Kekgonne Edinton Baipoledi, Chair of the CSTD**	
15:00 - 15:30	• Summary of the interactive discussions
Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to WSIS outcomes at the regional and international levels **Chair: Vice-Chair of the CSTD**	
15:30 - 15:45	• Introduction by Mr. David Souter, Managing Director, ict Development Associates
15:45 - 17:45	• Presentation by Mr. Catalin Marinescu, Head Corporate Strategy Division, International Telecommunication Union • Presentation by Ms. Josephine Miliza, Regional Coordinator, Kictanet Africa • Briefing by Mr. Chengetai Masango, Programme and Technology Manager, IGF Secretariat • *Questions for panelists, interactive discussion and recommendations for the twenty-third session of the CSTD*
Closing session	

Chair: Mr. Kekgonne Edinton Baipoledi, Chair of the CSTD	
17:45 - 18:00	- Closing remarks by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, DTL and Head of the CSTD Secretariat, UNCTAD - Closing remarks by Mr. Kekgonne Edinton Baipoledi, Chair of the CSTD