



UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT



**CSTD 2020-2021 Inter-sessional Panel on  
“Using science, technology and innovation to close the gap on Sustainable  
Development Goal 3, on good health and well-being” and  
“Harnessing blockchain for sustainable development: prospects and challenges”**

Microsoft Teams Online, English (13:00-15:00 CET)  
18-22 January 2021

## Draft Programme

### Day One (Monday, 18 January 2021)

#### Opening session

- 13:00 - 13:20
- 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. Peter Major, Chair of the CSTD
  - Opening remarks by Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

#### Theme 1: Using science, technology and innovation to close the gap on Sustainable Development Goal 3, on good health and well-being

**Moderator: Mr. Peter Major, Chair of the CSTD**

- 13:20 - 13:30
- Introduction of the Issues Paper by Mr. Bob Bell, Economic Affairs Officer, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Section, DTL, UNCTAD

- 13:30 - 14:20
- Panel discussion
    - Mr. Jerome H. Kim, Director General, International Vaccine Institute
    - Mr. Ramesh Krishnamurthy, Senior Advisor, Division of Data, Analytics and Delivery for Impact, World Health Organization
    - Ms. Erika Kraemer-Mbula, Professor of Economics, University of Johannesburg, South Africa
    - Mr. Carlos Correa, Executive Director, South Centre

- 14:20 - 15:00
- *Questions for panellists and interactive discussion*

### Day Two (Tuesday, 19 January 2021)

#### Theme 1: Using science, technology and innovation to close the gap on Sustainable Development Goal 3, on good health and well-being

**Moderator: Mr. Kekgonne Baipoledi, Vice Chair of the CSTD**

- 13:00 - 15:00
- Interactive discussion on the Issues Paper on “Using science, technology and innovation to close the gap on Sustainable Development Goal 3, on

good health and well-being” and recommendations for the Report of the Secretary-General and the twenty-fourth session of the CSTD

### Day Three (Wednesday, 20 January 2021)

#### Theme 2: Harnessing blockchain for sustainable development: prospects and challenges

Moderator: Mr. A Min Tjoa, Vice Chair of the CSTD

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| 13:00 - 13:15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction of the Issues Paper by Clovis Freire Junior, Economic Affairs Officer, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Section, DTL, UNCTAD</li></ul>   |
| 13:15 - 14:15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Panel discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Ms. Aya Miyaguchi, Head of the Ethereum Foundation</li><li>○ Mr. Yele Bademosi, CEO, Bundle Africa &amp; Founding Partner, Microtraction</li><li>○ Ms. Hanna Halaburda, Associate Professor of Technology, Operations and Statistics, New York University Stern School of Business.</li><li>○ Mr. Pēteris Zilgalvis, Head of Unit, Digital Innovation and Blockchain, Digital Single Market Directorate, Directorate General Communications Networks, Content and Technology/Co-Chair, FinTech Task Force, European Commission</li></ul></li></ul> |
| 14:15 - 15:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Questions for panellists and interactive discussion</i></li></ul>   |

### Day Four (Thursday, 21 January 2021)

#### Theme 2: Harnessing blockchain for sustainable development: prospects and challenges

Moderator: Mr. A Min Tjoa, Vice Chair of the CSTD

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| 13:00 - 15:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interactive discussion on the Issues Paper on “Harnessing blockchain for sustainable development: prospects and challenges,” and recommendations for the Report of the Secretary-General and the twenty-fourth session of the CSTD</li></ul> |
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### Day Five (Friday, 22 January 2021)

#### Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to WSIS outcomes at the regional and international levels

Moderator: Mr. Peter Major, Chair of the CSTD

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| 13:00 - 13:15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction by Mr. David Souter, Managing Director, ICT Development Associates</li></ul>  |
| 13:15 - 14:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Panel discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mr. Catalin Marinescu, Head, Strategy and Planning Division, ITU</li><li>○ Ms. Sylvia Ortega Azurduy, Founder, Ayni Bolivia</li><li>○ Mr. Chengetai Masango, Head, Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Secretariat</li></ul></li></ul> |
| 14:00 - 14:45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Questions for panelists, interactive discussion and recommendations for the twenty-fourth session of the CSTD</i></li></ul>   |

**Closing session****Moderator: Mr. Peter Major, Chair of the CSTD**

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| 14:45 - 15:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closing remarks by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, DTL and Head of the CSTD Secretariat, UNCTAD</li><li>• Closing remarks by Mr. Peter Major, Chair of the CSTD</li></ul> |
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