

## Concept Note

### Workshop on National Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy and Policy for Sustainable Development

#### I. Background

Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) is a key driver of economic and social development. Effective STI policies greatly facilitate social and economic development by creating an environment conducive to innovation and economic growth. In recent years, China has accumulated valuable experiences in this area.

#### II. Basic information

The workshop on “National Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy and Policy for Sustainable Development” will take place on 11-22 October 2021 (except weekends), from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (CEST). The workshop is co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) of China and hosted by National Center for Science and Technology Evaluation of China (NCSTE). This year is the third session of the training workshop. The workshop focuses on national Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) strategy, plans, policies, and showcases STI policies and STI experiences in Guangdong and Hubei province in China. The workshop aims to strengthen the STI policy capability of policymakers and other stakeholders in developing countries towards sustainable development.

Given the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, training workshop will be held online using Microsoft Teams software (Please download the software in advance from this link: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-US/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software>). All CSTD developing Member States and transitional economy Member States were invited. Participants should be nominated by their governments.

#### III. Register

Participants need to register on the international training program website of Ministry of Science and Technology of China ([https://mostip.cistc.gov.cn/student\\_login.aspx](https://mostip.cistc.gov.cn/student_login.aspx), please kindly proceed if encounter a safety warning) before **8 October 2021**. Please choose “Apply for new workshop in year 2020” and select “Science, Technology and Innovation practices and experiences for sustainable development” in Application Step 2.

#### IV. Contact information

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