



**Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship
for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development, sixth session**

2 and 3 July 2018, Room XXVI

Preliminary programme

Monday, 2 July 2018

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening plenary

Item 1: Election of officers

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda
Organization of work

Opening remarks

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

**Item 3: Effectively harnessing science, technology and innovation to
achieve the Sustainable Development Goals**

Welcoming remarks and introduction of agenda item

Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

**Informal session 1: New directions for science, technology and innovation
policy and methodology – Rethinking science, technology and innovation policy
with regard to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

This session will explore how to promote effective national and international policies and methodologies for harnessing science, technology and innovation, closing technology gaps and scaling up capacity-building at all levels to achieve the 2030 Agenda. Perspectives from national policy contexts will be considered, to share experiences and lessons learned.

Panellists

- Mr. Juan Tomas Monegro, Vice Minister of Industrial Development, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Dominican Republic
- Ms. Sharifa Al Harthiya, Director, National Innovation Strategy, The Research Council, Oman
- Mr. Ernesto Fernandez Polcuch, Chief of Section, Science Policy and Partnerships, Division of Science Policy and Capacity-building, Natural Sciences Sector, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Mr. Ralph Heinrich, Secretary, Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Mr. Adrian Ely, Senior Lecturer, Science Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Interactive debate

3–6 p.m. Informal session 2: Sustainable action for sustainable development – Industries and enterprises for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

This session will consider the experiences of and lessons learned from stakeholders in international partnerships for technological learning and development to promote access to technologies by developing countries, noting that sustainable development often requires interdisciplinary, cross-sector and cross-cutting efforts.

Panellists

- Mr. Ayana Zewdie, State Minister for Industry, Ethiopia
- Mr. Yosef Abramowitz, President, Gigawatt Global, Netherlands
- Ms. Branislava Jovicic, Project Manager, Women in Sustainable Energy South-East Europe, Serbia
- Ms. Burçak Aksöz, Director, Live Well, Istanbul, Turkey
- Mr. Rolf Traeger, Chief, Least Developed Countries Section, UNCTAD

Interactive debate

6.15 p.m. Cocktail reception, Bar Escargot (E Building, third floor)

Tuesday, 3 July 2018

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal session 3: Social innovation and entrepreneurship with regard to the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals

This session will consider the notion that, to become relevant for sustainable development in different social and economic contexts, science, technology and innovation policy should broaden its reach and recognize forms of innovation such as frugal innovation, grass-roots innovation, social innovation and public-sector innovation, each of which may be driven as much by economic as by social and environmental concerns.

Panellists

- Ms. Vanina Farber, Chair, Social Innovation, International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland
- Mr. Felix Stähli, Co-founder, Impact Hub Geneva, Switzerland
- Mr. Alok Kumar, Partner, Investor and Mentor, SRKay Consulting Group, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- panellist from Softweb to be confirmed

Interactive debate

3–4.30 p.m. Informal session 4: Interactive discussion on ways forward for science, technology and innovation policy, methodology and implementation

Introduction by the Chair followed by interactive debate

4.30–6 p.m. Closing plenary

Item 4: Report of the meeting