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10-11.30 a.m. CEST 1.30-3 p.m. IST

(Virtual event)

## TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION REPORT 2021

Innovation with equity

## The role of civil activism

What is the impact of frontier technologies on inequalities?

What is the role of civil society organizations to ensure that these technologies accelerate the SDGs' progress while leaving no one behind?

How can international cooperation help?

The answer to these questions is critical for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Technology and Innovation Report 2021 critically examines the possibility that frontier technologies such as artificial intelligence, robotics and gene editing could widen existing inequalities and create new ones.

The webinar will serve as a platform for peer learning by discussing and disseminating inclusive innovation strategies that are being explored by civil society organizations, governments, development partners, and other stakeholders.

**Opening remarks** 

Presentation of the Technology and Innovation Report 2021

**Panelists** 

Moderated by

## Programme

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

Mr. Pradeep Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International

Mr. Carlos María Correa, Executive Director, The South Centre

**Mr. Clovis Freire**, Economist, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, Team Leader of the Technology and Innovation Report 2021

Ms. Neth Daño, Coordinator and Asia Director ETC Group, the Philippines

Mr. Robert D. Atkinson, President, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Mr. Peter Mwencha, Assistant Professor, American International University, Kuwait

**Mr. Mike Jensen**, Labs-Community Networks coordinator, Association for Progressive Communications (APC)

Mr. Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director, CUTS International





