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12:00 – 13:30 CEST
(Geneva)

14:00 – 15:30 GST
(Dubai)

**Special session of
G-STIC Dubai**

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION REPORT 2021

Innovation with equity



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Catching technological waves

What is the impact of frontier technologies on inequalities?

How can governments and other stakeholder minimize risks and maximize opportunities?

And 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.

This session will discuss policy options for countries to strategically position themselves to take advantage of new waves of technological change for inclusive and sustainable development. The discussion will be based on findings and recommendations from UNCTAD's *Technology and Innovation Report 2021: Catching Technological Waves – Innovation with Equity*.

Programme

Keynote address

Presentation TIR 2021

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

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

Round table discussion

(14:24 – 15:13)

Moderator

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

Speakers

Ms. Susan Cozzens, Professor Emerita in the School of Public Policy, Georgia Tech, Vice President of GLOBELICS, and Associate Editor of the journal *Innovation and Development*.

Mr. George Essegbey, Chief Research Scientist, CEO, Technology Development and Transfer Center (TDTC), Science and Technology Policy Research Institute (STEPRI) of the Council of Science and Industrial Research (CSIR) of Ghana.

Mr. José Ramón López-Portillo Romano, Chairman, Q Element Ltd.

Mr. Alfred Watkins, Chairman, Global Solutions Summit

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

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