



## UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

### 2024-2025 Inter-sessional Panel

21-22 October 2024, Room XXVI, Palais des Nations  
Geneva, Switzerland

## Programme

### Day One (Monday, 21 October )

#### Opening Ceremony

**Moderator: H. E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah, Chair of the CSTD**

10:00 – 10:05 Introduction of the Intersessional Panel by the Moderator

10:05 – 10:15 Opening remarks by Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

#### **Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to WSIS outcomes at the regional and international levels, and the WSIS+20 review**

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

10:15 – 10:20 Introduction of the session by the Moderator

10:20 – 10:35 Briefing by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director of Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD and Head of the CSTD Secretariat, on the progress of preparing the WSIS+20 report for discussion at the 28th annual session of the CSTD

10:35 – 10:50 Briefing by Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, on the outcomes of the Global Digital Compact and its implications for CSTD and the WSIS

10:50 – 12:00 Panel discussion on progress in the implementation of WSIS outcomes

- Ms. Gitanjali Sah, Strategy and Policy Coordinator, International Telecommunications Union
- Mr. Davide Storti, Programme Specialist, Digital Policies and Digital Transformation Section, UNESCO
- Mr. Mactar Seck, Chief of Innovation and Technology Section, UNECA
- Mr. Chengetai Masango, Head of Office, Secretariat of Internet Governance Forum

Statement by Mr. Juwang Zhu, Director, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, UNDESA, to be delivered by Mr. Chengetai Masango, Head of Office, Secretariat of Internet Governance Forum

12:00 – 13:00 *Interactive discussions among participants, including questions and comments for panelists*

13:00 – 14:40 Lunch event on ***Pivoting to Inclusive and Equitable Economies - What Elements for an Integrated Approach to Global Data and AI Governance?*** organized by IT for Change and Global Digital Justice Forum

#### **Theme 1: Diversifying economies in a world of accelerated digitalization**

**Moderator: Ms. Ana Cristina das Neves, Vice Chair of the CSTD Chair of the CSTD**

15:00 – 15:05 Introduction of the session by the Moderator

15:05 – 15:25 Introduction of the Issues Paper by Mr. Antonio Vezzani, Economic Affairs Officer, Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, DTL, UNCTAD

15:25 – 16:45	Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Carlos Henrique Brito Cruz OBE, Co-chair of the UN 10-Member-Group for the SDGs</li> <li>• Ms. Florencia Barletta, Professor, Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Argentina</li> <li>• Mr. Julio D. Raffo, Head of Innovation Economy Section, World Intellectual Property Organization</li> <li>• Ms. Valentina Meliciani, Director of the Luiss Institute for European Analysis and Policy, Italy</li> <li>• Mr. Nobuya Haraguchi, Chief of the Industrial Policy Research Unit, UNIDO</li> </ul>
16:45 – 18:00	<i>Interactive discussions among participants, including questions and comments for panelists</i>

Day Two ( Tuesday, 22 October 2024)	
<b>Theme 2: Technology Foresight and Technology Assessment for Sustainable Development</b>	
<b>Moderator: Ms. Leah Buendia, Vice Chair of CSTD</b>	
10:00 – 10:05	Introduction of the session by the Moderator
10:05 – 10:20	Introduction of the Issues Paper by Mr. Michael Lim, Economic Affairs Officer, Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, DTL, UNCTAD
10:20 – 11:20	Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ian Miles, Emeritus Professor, Manchester Institute of Innovation Research, University of Manchester, United Kingdom</li> <li>• Mr. Armin Grunwald, Head, Institute for Technology Assessment and Systems Analysis, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology</li> <li>• Mr. Alexander Sokolov, Deputy Director, Institute for Statistical Studies and Economics of Knowledge, Higher School of Economics, Russia</li> <li>• Ms. Poonam Pandey, Maria Zambrano Fellow, Post-Growth Innovation Lab, University of Vigo, Spain</li> </ul>
11:20 – 11:30	Discussant: Ms. Caitlin Kraft-Buchman, Co-chair, Gender Advisory Board of the CSTD
11:30 – 13:00	<i>Interactive discussions among participants, including questions and comments for panelists.</i>
13:30 – 14:45	Lunch event on <b><i>Exploring innovative financing mechanisms for community-centred connectivity: A WSIS+20 Agenda To Leave No One Behind</i></b> , organized by Association for Progressive Communications and Internet Society
<b>Informal discussions</b>	
<b>Moderator: H. E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah, Chair of the CSTD</b>	
15:00 – 16:30	Discussion on the setting-up of the CSTD Working Group on Data Governance
16:30 – 17:20	Discussion on improving efficiency of negotiating CSTD resolutions – proposed by the Bureau of the CSTD
<b>Closing session</b>	
<b>Moderator: H. E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah, Chair of the CSTD</b>	
17:20 – 17:30	Closing remarks by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, DTL, UNCTAD and Head of the CSTD Secretariat