



Commission on Science and Technology for Development, 2025-2026 Inter-sessional Panel

17 November 2025

Programme

Room XVI, Palais des Nations

Monday, 17 November 2025

10:00 – 10:15 Opening session

Introduction by H.E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah, Interim Chair of the CSTD

Opening Remark Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

10:15 – 13:00 Morning session

Moderator: Mr. Zhang Xian, Chair-designate for the CSTD 29th session

Item 1 Theme: Science, Technology and Innovation in the age of AI

Introduction by Mr. Wai Kit Si Tou, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD

Presentation by Ms. Ritu Agarwal, William Polk Carey Distinguished Professor, Johns Hopkins Carey - Business School, member of the Gender Advisory Board of the CSTD

Ms. Caroline Fredrickson, Director of Research and Publications Department, ILO

Discussant Mr. Zhenjun Yan, Professor of Business School, Beijing Normal University, Founder and Chairman, World Intelligent Incubation Network

Ms. Ayisha Piotti, Head of AI Policy Summit, ETH Zurich's Center for Law

Q and A



13:00 – 14:00 Reception offered by the Okayama University of Japan

13:45 – 14:45 Side event by UNCTAD: Strengthening STI Parks in National Innovation System, Entrepreneurship nurturing and cluster building

15:00 – 18:00 Afternoon session

Moderator: Ms. Isabelle Lois, Vice-Chair of the CSTD

Item 2 Progress made in the implementation of WSIS outcomes at regional and international level, with focus on 20 years' review at the General Assembly

– Briefing by H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations & Co-facilitator for the Intergovernmental Process on the WSIS+20 Review at the General Assembly

– Interaction with the Co-facilitator by Member States, UNCTAD as Chair of UNGIS, International Organizations including ITU, UNESCO and Internet Governance Forum secretariat, and other stakeholders

Item 3 Presentation of the Secretary-General's Implementation Map of the Global Digital Compact by ITU and ODET representatives

Q and A

Item 4 Progress Report by the Chair of the Working Group on Data Governance as Relevant for Development at All Levels

Q and A

Closing session Closing remarks by

Interim Chair of the CSTD

