Final Programme

Hybrid meeting
Room XVIII, Palais des Nations & Zoom platform
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	Monday, 28 March
14:30-14:50	**Opening plenary*** **Moderator:** Mr. Mansour Al-Qurashi**,** Chair of the CSTD **Opening statement by** Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD **Address by:** • H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of the Economic and Social Council & Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations in New York • Mr. Malcolm Johnson, Deputy Secretary-General, ITU **Agenda item 1** **Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**
14:50 – 15:50	**High-level Round Table** on the role of science, technology, and innovation in building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Contribution of the Commission to the 2022 theme of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development and the implementation of its 2021 Ministerial Declaration **Moderator:** Mr. Genaro Rodríguez Martínez, Vice Chair of the CSTD *Ministerial discussion:* • H.E. Mr. Sorena Sattari, Vice President for Science and Technology, Islamic Republic of Iran • H.E. Mr. Franklin García Fermín, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Dominican Republic • H.E. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State (independent Charge), Ministry of Science and Technology & Earth Sciences, India • H.E. Ms. Anita Muižniece, Minister of Education and Science, Latvia • H.E. Mr. Shibli Faraz, Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Pakistan • H.E. Mr. Fortunato T. de la Peña, Minister of Science and Technology, the Philippines • H.E. Ms. Ana Judith Chan Orantes, National Secretary of Science and Technology, Guatemala *General discussion* *CSTD Special event: A Conversation with Great Minds* **Opening by** Mr. Mansour Al-Qurashi, Chair of the CSTD **Moderator:** Ms. Imogen Foulkes, BBC Geneva Correspondent
15:50 – 16:30	*Speakers* • Mr. Yoshua Bengio, Full Professor at Université de Montréal, Canada • Ms. Shoshana Zuboff, Charles Edward Wilson Professor Emerita, Harvard Business School, United States

	- Mr. Daron Acemoglu, Institute Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, United States - Ms. Carlota Perez, Honorary Professor, University College London, United Kingdom

Tuesday, 29 March

14:30-16:30	**Agenda item 3** **Science and Technology for Development** **High-level Panel on Industry 4.0 for inclusive development** **Moderator:** Ms. Ana Cristina Amoroso das Neves, Vice-Chair of CSTD **Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.16/2022/2) by the CSTD Secretariat**: Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD **Keynote speaker** Mr. Hiroshi Kuniyoshi is the Deputy to the Director-General and a Managing Director of UNIDO *Panelists* - Ms. Xiaolan Fu, Founding Director of the Technology and Management Centre for Development (TMCD), Professor of Technology and International Development, Oxford - Mr. Keun Lee, Professor of Economics, Seoul National University - Mr. T P Chopra, President, B LP, Group, CEO BLP Industries - Ms. Renata Malheiros Henriques, Brazilian Micro and Small Business Support Service (SEBRAE) *Ministerial discussion* - H.E. Mr. Douglas Letsholathebe, Minister of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology, Botswana - H.E. Mr. Fortunato T. de la Peña, Minister of Science and Technology, the Philippines - H.E. Mr. Ali Taha Koç, Head of the Digital Transformation Office at the Presidency of Turkey - H.E. Mr. Felix Mutati, Minister of Technology and Science, Zambia - Ms Doralisa Niachimba, Undersecretary of Innovation, Research, and Technology Transfer, Ecuador - H.E. Mr. Tudor Prisecaru, Secretary of State, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalization, Romania *Interactive discussion*
16:45-18:00	**Hybrid side event on AI strategies to be organized jointly by Turkey and UNCTAD** *Room XVIII, Palais des Nations & WebEx platform (hybrid)*

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Wednesday, 30 March

14:30-16:30	**Agenda item 3** **Science and Technology for Development** **High-level Panel on Science, technology and innovation for sustainable urban development in a post-Covid 19 world** **Moderator:** H. E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah, Vice-Chair of the CSTD **Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.16/2022/3) by the CSTD Secretariat:** Mr. Angel Gonzalez-Sanz, Head, Science, Technology and ICT Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD **Keynote speaker** Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) *Panelists* • Mr. João Henrique Campos, Mayor of Recife, Brazil • Ms. Fatma Şahin, Mayor of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality, Turkey • Mr. Miguel Belló, CEO, Atlantic International Research Centre (AIR Centre), Portugal • Mr. Oualid Ali, President of Future Cities Council, Canada *Ministerial discussion* • H.E. Mr. Douglas Letsholathebe, Minister of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology, Botswana • H.E. Mr. Devendra Paudel, Minister, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Nepal • H.E. Ms. Devika Vidot, Minister of Investment, Entrepreneurship and Industry, Seychelles • H.E. Ms. Monica Musenero, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Uganda • H.E. Mr. Srivari Chandrasekhar, Vice Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, India • H.E. Ms. Rowena Cristina L. Guevara, Undersecretary for Research and Development, Philippines • H.E. Mr. Tudor Prisecaru, Secretary of State, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalization, Romania *Interactive discussion*
10:30-12:00	**Hybrid side event: "Bioeconomy, Circular Economy and Green Economy for Sustainable Development", to be organized jointly by Thailand and UNCTAD** *Room XVIII, Palais des Nations & WebEx platform*

16:45 – 18:00	*Registration link:* https://forms.office.com/r/eeVvcF2Fvn **Hybrid side event: "Technology assessment: how to do it?"** **to be organized by UNCTAD in collaboration with** World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) and WOMENVAI *Room XVIII, Palais des Nations & WebEx platform* *Registration link:* https://forms.office.com/r/eeVvcF2Fvn

Thursday, 31 March

14:30-16:30	**Agenda item 2** **Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international level** **High-level panel on progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international level** **Moderator:** Mr. Peter Major, Vice-Chair of the CSTD **Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General (A/77/62-E/2022/8) by** Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD *Panelists:* • Mr. Malcolm Johnson, Deputy Secretary-General, ITU • Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology • Mr. Paul Mitchell, Chair of the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group Internet Governance Forum • Mr. John Frank, Vice President for UN Affairs, Microsoft • Ms. Constance Bommelaer de Leusse, Vice President, Internet Society *Ministerial discussion* • H.E. Mr. Amr Talaat, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Egypt • H.E. Mr. Ebrima Sillah, Minister of Information and Communications Infrastructure, Gambia • H.E. Mr. Chris Philp, Minister for Technology and the Digital Economy, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, United Kingdom • H.E. Ms. Rowena Cristina L. Guevara, Undersecretary for Research and Development, Philippines *Interactive discussion*
16:45-18:00	**Hybrid side event: "Finance for Development Cluster III: Technology"** *Registration link:* https://forms.office.com/r/eeVvcF2Fvn

Friday, 1 April

14:30-15:20	**Agenda item 4** **Presentation of reports on science, technology, and innovation policy reviews** **Moderator:** Mr. Mansour Al-Qurashi, Chair of the CSTD **Launch of the STI Policy Review Report of Zambia** • H.E. Mr. Felix Mutati, Minister of Technology and Science, Zambia **Presentation of the STI policy review of Botswana and Angola study on innovative system by the Secretariat:** Mr. Angel Gonzalez Sanz, Head, Science, Technology and ICT Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD *Remarks by:* • H.E. Mr. Douglas Letsholathebe, Minister of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology, Botswana • H.E. Ms. Maria do Rosário Bragança Sambo, Minister of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Angola ***Interactive discussion***
15:20-16:00	**Presentation of the Bureau's assessment of the CSTD based on comments from the CSTD Member States by Mr. Peter Major, Vice-Chair of CSTD** **Comments from the CSTD Member States**
16:00-16:30	**Closing plenary*** **Moderator:** Mr. Mansour Al-Qurashi, Chair of the CSTD **Agenda item 5** **Election of the Chair and other officers for the twenty-sixth session of the Commission** **Agenda item 6** **Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-sixth session of the Commission, including its priority themes** • Adoption of the draft provisional agenda of the twenty-sixth session **Agenda item 2 and 3** • Adoption of the draft proposals for resolutions and decisions **Agenda item 7** **Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-fifth session** • Adoption of the draft report **Closing of the session**

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