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NOTIFICATION

Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation (2016–2018) First meeting

Geneva, 30 September 2016

The first meeting of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held on 30 September 2016 in room XXIV of the Palais des Nations, Geneva. It will commence at 9.30 a.m.

Background and purpose of the meeting

During its seventieth session, the General Assembly undertook a comprehensive review of the 10-year implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society. In the outcome document of that review, General Assembly resolution 70/125 of 16 December 2015, the General Assembly requested the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, through the Economic and Social Council, to establish a working group to develop recommendations on how to further implement enhanced cooperation as envisioned in the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, taking into consideration the work that had been done on the matter. In addition, the General Assembly requested the group to decide at the outset on its methods of work, including modalities, and to ensure the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders, taking into account their diverse views and expertise. Pursuant to that request, the Chair established the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation on 2 May 2016. The composition of the Working Group can be found in the attached annex.

In Economic and Social Council resolution 2016/22, of 27 July 2016, on the assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, presented in the report on the nineteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development,¹ the Economic and Social Council noted the proposal by the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on the structure and composition of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation, as mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/125.

This meeting of the Working Group is the first in a series of meetings intended to facilitate the reporting of the Working Group to the twenty-first session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in 2018. Following the request by the General Assembly, one of the objectives of the meeting is to decide on its methods of work, including modalities. Member States of the United Nations, that are not members of the Working Group, may attend the meeting as observers.

¹ See E/2016/31-E/CN.16/2016/4.

Participation and nominations

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: [Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation](#). Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the meeting should be sent to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development secretariat, Science and Technology Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0052; e-mail: stdev@unctad.org.

Member States of UNCTAD are requested to inform the secretariat of the name and contact details of the focal point of their delegation by **23 September 2016**.

The working language of the meeting will be in English.

Logistics

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building E of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; therefore, visitors will be dropped off at the entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service grants special clearance.

Further information and contact details

Additional information on the meeting and official documents will be available on the website: <http://unctad.org/cstd>. Any questions about the preparations for the first meeting of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation should be addressed to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development secretariat, e-mail: stdev@unctad.org; tel.: 41 22 917 2083; fax: 41 22 917 0052.



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Annex

Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation

Note on membership

Pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/125 which requests the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, through the Economic and Social Council, to establish a working group to develop recommendations on how to further implement enhanced cooperation and on the basis of the notes dated the 26 January 2016 and 3 March 2016 and the consultations undertaken in this context, the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development hereby decides that the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation will be composed of:

Member States

African regional group

1. Central African Republic
2. Kenya
3. Liberia
4. Tunisia (host of the World Summit on Information Society)
5. Zambia

Asia–Pacific regional group

1. India
2. Iran (Islamic Republic of)
3. Japan
4. Pakistan

Eastern Europe regional group

1. Bulgaria
2. Hungary
3. Poland
4. Russian Federation

Latin America and Caribbean regional group

1. Brazil
2. Cuba
3. Mexico
4. Peru

Western Europe and other States regional group

1. Canada
2. Switzerland (host of the World Summit on Information Society)
3. Turkey
4. United Kingdom
5. United States of America

The Chair also invites the following stakeholders to interactively participate in the Working Group:

Representatives from the business community

1. Mr. Jimson Olufuye, Africa Information and Communication Technologies Alliance
2. Mr. Lorenzo Sastre, Asociación Interamericana de Empresas de Telecomunicaciones
3. Ms. Timea Suto, International Chamber of Commerce, Business Action to Support the Information Society
4. Mr. Makoto Yokozawa, Japan Information Technology Service Industry Association
5. Ms. Marilyn Cade, Chief Executive Officer of Mcade

Representatives from civil society

1. Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, Executive Director, Association for Progressive Communications
2. Mr. Parminder Singh, Executive Director, IT for Change
3. Ms. Lea Kaspar, Global Partners Digital
4. Mr. Carlos Afonso, Executive Director, Nupef Institute
5. Mr. Richard Hill, Association for Proper Internet Governance

Representatives from the technical community and academia

1. Mr. Nick Ashton-Hart, Consultant in international Internet related public policy and Associate Fellow, Geneva Centre for Security Policy
2. Ms. Constance Bommelaer, Senior Director, Global Internet Policy, Internet Society
3. Mr. Nigel Hickson, Vice-President, United Nations and Non-governmental Organization Engagement, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
4. Dr. Janvier Ngnoulaye, Information and Communications Technology Teacher, IT Manager and Consultant, University of Yaoundé
5. Dr. Jovan Kurbalija, Director Diplofoundation

Representatives from the intergovernmental and international organizations

1. European Union
2. International Telecommunication Union
3. United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
4. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
5. United Nations Human Settlements Programme

Geneva, 2 May 2016

Peter Major
Chair
Commission on Science and Technology for
Development