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NOTIFICATION

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Informal virtual meeting, 10–12 June 2020

In light of the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and limitations on in-person meetings and international travel, the twenty-third session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development of the United Nations will be conducted virtually from 10 to 12 June 2020. The Commission will address two priority themes: (a) harnessing rapid technological change for inclusive and sustainable development; and (b) exploring space technologies for sustainable development and the benefits of international research collaboration in this context. The Commission will also review progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society. Participants will include representatives of Governments, civil society, the private sector and international organizations.

An informal meeting will be held virtually in the form of three brief meetings from 2 to 3.30 p.m. (CET) over three days. The informal meeting will open on Wednesday, 10 June 2020, through an online video-streaming platform. The first day will consist of an opening meeting and a high-level meeting, entitled “Harnessing science, technology and innovation to accelerate progress on the Sustainable Development Goals and address the COVID-19 pandemic”.

International organizations and member States of UNCTAD that are not members of the Commission may attend the session as observers. Please inform the secretariat before **29 May 2020** of the composition of your delegation and the name of the focal point for the twenty-third session, so that the necessary arrangements for their online participation can be made.

Nominations and participation

Online registration is mandatory and should be completed through the following link: [Commission on Science and Technology for Development](#). To facilitate approval of registration, we request that permanent missions confirm the list of their delegates by means of a note verbale or email. Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the meeting should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Science and Technology Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; email: stdev@unctad.org.

Logistics

Preparations to organize the meeting through a remote simultaneous interpretation platform with the six official languages of the United Nations are in an advanced stage. We request participants to register as soon as possible to facilitate quality assurance tests prior to the meeting dates. Links for the tests and for the informal virtual meeting will be sent to the email address used for registration. The link to the informal virtual meeting will be sent one day in advance of the start of the meeting.

Further information and contact details

Questions on preparations for the twenty-third session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development should be addressed to Mr. Ángel González Sanz, Head of the Science, Technology and Information and Communications Technology Branch, UNCTAD Division on Technology and Logistics, email: stdev@unctad.org; tel.: 41 22 917 5508.



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