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NOTIFICATION

Commission on Science and Technology for Development Twenty-fifth session Geneva, 28 March–1 April 2022

The twenty-fifth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held in Geneva, with physical and remote participation, from 28 March to 1 April 2022.

The Commission will address two priority themes: (a) Industry 4.0 for inclusive development; and (b) Science, technology and innovation for sustainable urban development in a post-pandemic world. The Commission will also review the 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 levels; and hear presentations on ongoing science, technology and innovation policy reviews. Participants will include representatives of Governments, international organizations, civil society and the private sector.

The first day will begin with an opening ceremony, followed by a dialogue between eminent economists and scientists on the opportunities of and challenges in scientific breakthroughs for sustainable development. To contribute to the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, the Commission will hold, on 28 March, a high-level round table on the role of science, technology and innovation in a sustainable and resilient recovery from the current pandemic, while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. On 29 March, the Commission will hold a high-level session on “Industry 4.0 for inclusive development”; on 30 March, a high-level session on “Science, technology and innovation for sustainable urban development in a post-pandemic world”; and on 31 March, a high-level session to review the 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 levels. On 1 April, the Commission will hold a session on science, technology and innovation policy reviews. In addition, a session will be held on the gender dimension in science, technology and innovation policies.

Nominations and participation

Member States are encouraged to be represented at the ministerial level during the high-level events. Registration should be completed online at [Commission on Science and Technology for Development](#). To facilitate the approval of registrations, permanent missions are requested to confirm via note verbale or email the lists of their delegates. Please inform the secretariat before 14 March 2022 of the composition of the delegation and the name of the focal point for the session, so that the necessary arrangements for their participation can be made.

International organizations and member States of UNCTAD that are not members of the Commission may attend the session as observers. Non-governmental organizations wishing to attend the session as observers should hold consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or accreditation with the World Summit on the Information Society.

Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the session should be sent to the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, email: stdev@unctad.org.

Logistics

The session will be held with physical participation at the Palais des Nations and remote participation through a simultaneous interpretation platform in the six official languages of the United Nations. A link to the formal virtual meeting will be sent to registered participants, at the email address used for registration, one day in advance of the start of the session.

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. in order to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting at 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

A list of the members of the Commission is available at CSTD membership. For more information on the Commission, please visit <http://unctad.org/en/Pages/CSTD.aspx>.

Questions about the preparations for the twenty-fifth session of the Commission should be addressed to Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, and Ms. Liping Zhang, Chief, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, tel: 41 22 917 5701; email: stdev@unctad.org.



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