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## NOTIFICATION

### **Commission on Science and Technology for Development Twenty-sixth session 27–31 March 2023**

The twenty-sixth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held in Geneva, with physical and remote participation, from 27 to 31 March 2023.

The Commission will address two priority themes: (a) Technology and innovation for cleaner and more productive and competitive production; and (b) Ensuring safe water and sanitation for all: A solution through science, technology and innovation. 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 27 March, a ministerial round table on the role of science, technology and innovation in accelerating the recovery from the pandemic and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels.

On 28 March, the Commission will hold high-level sessions on “Technology and innovation for cleaner and more productive and competitive production” and “Ensuring safe water and sanitation for all: A solution through science, technology and innovation”. On 29 March, the Commission will hold 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; and a session on science, technology and innovation policy reviews.

### **Nominations and participation**

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 17 March 2023 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. Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the session should be sent to the Science, Technology and Innovation for Development Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, email: [stdev@unctad.org](mailto:stdev@unctad.org).

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.

## **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.

For in-person attendance, before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges from the United Nations Security Service, at Villa Les Feuillantines, 13 avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 4:45 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 through the Peace Gate bis. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card with them. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations. Visitors should therefore be dropped off at the indicated entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives 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-sixth 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 for Development Section, Division on Technology and Logistics; tel: 41 22 917 5701; email: [stdev@unctad.org](mailto:stdev@unctad.org).



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