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NOTIFICATION

Commission on Science and Technology for Development Twenty-seventh session 15–19 April 2024

The twenty-seventh session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held in Geneva from 15 to 19 April 2024, in Room XIX of the Palais des Nations.

The Commission will address two priority themes: (a) Data for development; and (b) Global cooperation in science, technology and innovation for development. 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 15 April, a ministerial round table on “The role of science, technology and innovation in reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”.

On 16 April, the Commission will hold high-level sessions on “Data for development” and “Global cooperation in science, technology and innovation for development”. On 17 April, 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. The Commission will also hear reports on other technical cooperation activities undertaken under the aegis of the Commission, including the implementation of technology assessment projects in developing countries.

Nominations and participation

Registration should be completed online at <https://indico.un.org/event/1004682/>. 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 5 April 2024 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.

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 in Room XIX of the Palais des Nations, with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to scan their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix. As part of the new system at the United Nations Office at Geneva, participants will receive a digital badge consisting of their photo, a quick response (QR) code and the name and date of the meeting. The digital badge will be sent to each participant by email once they have been accredited by the meeting organizer and should be downloaded to a mobile telephone or other mobile device. Participants may also print the digital badge in order to use the QR code. 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 in Building E of the Palais. 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 [Commission on Science and Technology for Development](#).

Questions about the preparations for the twenty-seventh 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.



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