

Side Event at the 29th Session of the United Nations Commission on
Science and Technology for Development

Theme: Artificial Intelligence for Regional Sustainable Development

Agenda (Draft)

Time: 13:30–14:40, Monday, April 20, 2026 (Geneva Time)

Venue: Conference Room VIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Sponsors:

* Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China (MOST)

* Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland

* The Administrative Centre for China's Agenda 21 (ACCA21)

Organizer:

Fudan University

Moderator: Professor TANG Xu, Former Senior Director of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO); Executive Director of the International Centre of Excellence (ICoE), Fudan University

Format: In-person Meeting (One hour)

Language: English

Programme

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
13:30–13:40	Light Refreshments	
13:00–13:40	Robotic Interaction	Representatives of Tech Enterprises
Opening Ceremony		
13:40–13:44	Opening Remarks (4 mins)	Senior Official, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva
13:44–13:48	Welcoming Remarks (4 mins)	Senior Official, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
13:48–13:52	Statements of Support (4 mins)	Senior Official, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
13:52–13:56	Statements of Support (4 mins)	Senior Official, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Keynote Presentations		
13:56–14:06	AI-Enabled System Innovation for Sustainable Development and Practices in International Multilateral Cooperation (10 mins)	Prof. ZHANG Renhe, Fudan University; Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences
14:06–14:16	Big Data for Sustainable Development Supporting AI-Enabled Innovation for SDGs (10 mins)	Prof. QIU Yubao, International Research Center of Big Data for Sustainable Development Goals (CBAS), Aerospace Information Research Institute Chinese Academy of Sciences (AIR-CAS)
Panel Discussion		
14:16–14:36	Practices and Cooperation Pathways for AI-Enabled Regional Sustainable Development (20 mins)	Panelists: 1.SUN Wei, Vice Mayor of Wuxi Municipal People’s Government 2.LIU Jingzhang, Project Officer, the Administrative Centre for China’s Agenda 21 (ACCA21) 3.Guy BRASSEUR, Professor, Max Planck Institute for Meteorology; Member of the Academia Europaea 4.DAI Qili, Associate Professor, Nankai University 5.FENG Jie, Junior Research Fellow, Shanghai Institute for AI for Science (SAIS)
Closing Ceremony		
14:36–14:40	Closing Remarks (4 mins)	Representative, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)