Mr. Chair person
Excellencies,
Distinguished colleagues

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of my country, Ethiopia.

At the outset, I would like to express the gratefulness of my country, Ethiopia to the unreserved technical support it has been getting from UNCTAD and individual countries in the area of ST and Innovations.

It is undeniable that Science, technology and innovations is the corner stone of progress upon which a nation depends to attain a multifaceted growth and development. I can assure you that Ethiopia strongly believes that STI is the cardinal means to escape away from poverty trap.

Ethiopia has its STI policy. The major objective of this policy is to achieve sustainable social and economic development. At this moment the Government of Ethiopia recognize that it is essential to revise the policy and devise strong implementation strategies which is to be supported by concerted efforts of all development actors in the Country.

- Energizing, modernizing and fine- tuning of the fast economic growth of the country,
- the alignment with the global understanding and application of science, technology and innovation,
- harvesting the benefits from the global advancement in science, technology and innovations,

are among the major reasons for the country to embark on the redesigning and implementation of STIP.

Mr. Chair person

The attitudinal change of the peoples in the Government machineries, the private sector, the civil society, and the general public is indispensible for the effective implementation of STIP. In this regard the partnership and cooperation between and among the public and

private sectors is very crucial. It is true that Technological and innovative Entrepreneurship **c**an be a rewarding business, but it is a challenging, laborious and time consuming effort. Consequently the Ethiopian Government is trying to create a conducive environment to encourage the technological entrepreneurship; The Establishment of the IT Park in the Addis Ababa can be taken as a good example; though a lot remains to do in the future.

I thank you, Chair

.