

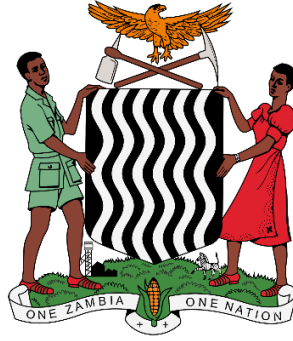
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Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews

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**During the 25th Annual Session of the Commission for Science
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Friday, 1st April, 2022,
time: 14:30 – 16:30 hours

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The Chairperson,

Allow me to address the Commission of the 25th Session as Minister of Technology and Science of the Government Republic of Zambia (GRZ). On behalf of the Government of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zambia, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD), a United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) body mandated with this noble responsibility of analysing and promoting the development and applications of science, technology and innovation for socio-economic development of countries, including my country, Zambia.

Chairperson,

I wish to inform this August house that the Government of the Republic of Zambia recognises the contribution and pivotal role that the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) plays in analysing Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) as an enabler for the 2030 Agenda.

Zambia is grateful for financial and technical support it received from UNCTAD for the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) review process. It is envisaged that the Zambia's STIP Review Document from UNCTAD, will support effective and efficient implementation of Science and Technology programmes for digital

transformation, industrialization and socio-economic development of the country.

Chairperson,

You may wish to note that the UNCTAD commenced STIP review process for Zambia in 2019, when a Team of UNCTAD Experts come to Zambia for Inception Consultative Meetings with STI Stakeholders. The second mission by UNCTAD Experts followed in the first quarter of 2020 were broader consultations were held with STI stakeholders' towards Zambia's STIP review process. The Team of UNCTAD Experts in collaboration with my Ministry's Staff consulted stakeholders who include line Government Ministries, the private sector, SMEs, research institutions, training and education organizations.

In this regard, I am happy to note that during this Session, UNCTAD will be able to share the presentation for Zambia's STIP review to enable other member countries and the international community have a feel of Zambia's Science, Technology and Innovation landscape.

Chairperson,

I would like to recommend UNCTAD for its unwavering commitment that has resulted into the finalization and publication the STIP Review for Zambia, despite the delay that was caused by the advent of COVI-19 pandemic.

The UNCTAD STIP Review will help Zambia to sharpen its tools for addressing scientific and technological challenges across all priority sectors of the country.

I am, therefore, requesting UNCTAD to undertake more capacity-building for Zambia's STI sector including the newly developed e-learning courses to contribute to Zambia's digital transformation and industrialization. In this regard, Zambia would like to show interest to be one of the pilot country.

Chairperson,

The Ministry of Technology and Science has a broader mandate of developing, executing, monitoring and evaluating policies on Science, Technology and Innovation, Information Communication Technology (ICT), and Skills Development.

I would like to show gratitude to UNCTAD for sharing the initial observations of Zambia's STIP review process that contributed to the finalization and launch of Zambia's National Policy on Science, Technology and Innovation of 2020.

Chairperson,

I confident that the finalized Zambia's STIP review document to be presented during this session would be able to market and position the country, in answering to national and global challenges of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).

Zambia hopes that the STIP review document support achievements of national priorities in sectors including Health, Agriculture, Energy, Mining, Manufacturing, Industry, Tourism, Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

Chairperson, as I conclude:

Let me address the Commission on this topic issue of COVID-19 that has paralyzed the globe since December, 2019, Zambia has put in place a National COVID -19 Research and Innovation Plan, which is being spearheaded by our sister Ministry, the Ministry of Health. The National COVID-19 Research and Innovation Plan was developed through a Multi-sectorial and Multi-disciplinary process involving all stakeholders.

In this regard, all stakeholders, including the Ministry of Technology and Science, are contributing to the objectives of the National COVID-19 Research and Innovation Plan.

I thank you for your attention.

May God Bless us All.