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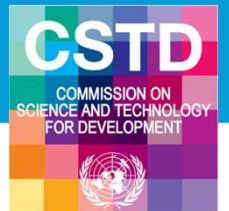
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## Outline of presentation

1. TA pilot project purpose and outputs
2. Lessons learned



## **Key goals**

1. Introduce participatory TA to three African countries (Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia) during 2021-2024
2. Build capacity on TA in Africa via TA implementation
3. Produce and test a methodology for TA in developing countries

## **Key outputs**

1. Methodology for TA in developing countries  
(original 2022, updated 2024)
2. TA report and draft action plan in each pilot  
country
3. Foundational knowledge and capacity in three  
pilot countries

## **Key lessons learned**

1. Capacity building on TA takes time
2. Technology assessment is a complex process – implementation time frames unpredictable, elections etc.
3. Need for adequate financial and human resources
4. Need for an adaptable and tailored methodology for country context
5. Adapt assessment governance structures for country context
6. Role of country buy-in, high level support, effective collaboration, stakeholder engagement, inclusive approach (gender, vulnerable groups), focus groups, physical vs virtual meetings (and COVID-19 restrictions)
7. Align assessment with national development goals and policies
8. Institutionalization of TA and implementation



# Thank you

