



**UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT**

**Panel on Promoting the Application of Science and Technology to Meet the Development  
Goals Contained in the Millennium Declaration**

**Hotel Abou Nawas Tunis, Tunisia  
29-31 October 2003**

**DRAFT Provisional Agenda**

**Wednesday, 29 October 2003**

**Morning session:**

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| 9:00 – 9:10   | Introductory remarks by Dr. Arnaldo Ventura, Chairman of the CSTD   |
| 9:10 – 9:15   | Adoption of the agenda and organization of work   |
| 9:15 – 9:30   | Welcome statement by the host country (Mr. Sadok Chaâbane, Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology)  |
| 9:30 – 9:40   | Introductory statement by the Secretariat   |
| 9:40 – 9:50   | Presentation by Dr. Arnaldo Ventura: The objectives of the CSTD panel meeting   |
| 9:50 – 10:30  | Presentation by Dr. Albert Sasson, Former Assistant Director General of UNESCO on “The role of biotechnology in improving agricultural productivity and reducing poverty”                               |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Short break   |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | Discussion  |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | Presentation by Mr. Jean-Marie Leclerc, Director-General of the Centre des technologies de l'information, République et Canton de Genève on "E-society strategy to build a human information community" |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Discussion  |

**Afternoon session:**

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| 2:00 – 2:45 | Presentation by Professor Norman Revell, Pro Vice-Chancellor & Dean, School of Computing Science, Middlesex University, London, United Kingdom on “Technology Trends and Developments” |
| 2:45 – 3:15 | Discussion   |
| 3:30 – 3:45 | Short break  |
| 3:45 – 4:00 | Presentation by Professor Bernd Michael Rode, Representative of Austria and Special Advisor to the Bureau of the CSTD on “Improving the policy   |

environment for the application of science and technology to development by identifying potential risks and benefits of new and emerging technologies”

- 4:00 – 4:30 Discussion
- 4:30 – 4:45 Presentation by Professor Vijaya Kumar, Representative of Sri Lanka and Vice-Chair of the CSTD on “strengthening basic and applied research in developing countries and international scientific networking”
- 4:45 – 5:00 Discussion

### **Thursday, 30 October 2003**

#### **Morning session**

- 9:00 – 9:15 Presentation by Dr. Arnaldo Ventura, Representative of Jamaica and Chair of the CSTD on “Strengthening technology support institutions and science advisory mechanisms, building human capacity, identifying new technologies and applications, and encouraging international collaboration to support research in neglected fields”
- 9:15 – 9:45 Discussion
- 9:45 – 10:00 Presentation by Dr. Jesus Martinez Frias, Representative of Spain and Vice-Chair of the CSTD on “Promoting universal Internet access at affordable costs and building strategic partnerships in the field of science and technology for development and capacity building for competitiveness”
- 10:00 – 10:30 Discussion
- 10:30 – 10:45 Short break
- 10:45 – 12:00 Presentations of country reports and discussion

#### **Afternoon session**

- 2:00 – 3:30 Presentations of country reports and discussion (continued)
- 3:30 – 3:45 Short break
- 3.45 – 5:00 Presentations by representatives of international organizations and NGOs

### **Friday, 31 October 2003**

#### **Morning session**

- 9.00 – 10:30 Discussion of findings and recommendations to be addressed to the seventh session of the CSTD, scheduled to be held in May 2004 reports
- 10:30 – 10:45 Short break
- 10.45 – 12.00 Adoption of the draft findings and recommendations

**Afternoon session**

CSTD Bureau meeting