**UNITED
NATIONS**

E

Economic and Social Council

Distr.
GENERAL

E/CN.16/2007/1
28 March 2007

Original: ENGLISH

Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Tenth session
Geneva, 21–25 May 2007
Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION
OF WORK**[*]

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

2. Substantive theme: "Promoting the building of a people-centred, development-oriented and inclusive information society, with a view to enhancing digital opportunities for all people"

3. Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes at the regional and international levels

4. Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the ninth session of the Commission

5. Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the eleventh session of the Commission

6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the eleventh session of the Commission.

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its tenth session.

---

[*] This document was submitted on the above-mentioned date as a result of processing delays.

ANNOTATIONS

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

1.   Rule 7 of the rules of procedure requires that, at the beginning of each session, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2007/208 of 2 March 2007.

2.   In accordance with established practice, the Commission, at its ninth session on 18 May 2006, elected by acclamation the Bureau for the tenth session, with the following composition:

> *Chairperson*:   Mr. Štefan Morávek (Slovakia)
>
> *Vice-Chairpersons*: Mr. Motsoahae Thomas Thabane (Lesotho)
>   Mr. Hilal Al-Hinai (Oman)
>   Mr. Bernd Michael Rode (Austria)
>   Mr. Arnoldo Ventura (Jamaica)

3.   As at previous sessions of the Commission, one of the Vice-Chairpersons will be designated to also serve as Rapporteur.

4.   The proposed organization of work of the Commission at its tenth session (see annex I) has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the timeframe available and in accordance with the conference services allocated to the Commission. The timetable should be considered tentative and indicative; if the Commission completes its consideration of an item ahead of schedule, it may wish to proceed immediately to the next item.

5.   The Commission is scheduled to meet from Monday, 21 May, to Friday, 25 May 2007. The morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

6.   The current membership of the Commission is contained in annex II for information.

Item 2. Substantive theme: "Promoting the building of a people-centred, development-oriented and inclusive information society, with a view to enhancing digital opportunities for all people"

7.   The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on behalf of the United Nations, took place in two phases – in 2003 in Geneva and 2005 in Tunis. In the Geneva Declaration of Principles, the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)[1] adopted a common vision and commitment to building a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented information society. The second phase of the Summit, at Tunis, endorsed the outcomes of the first phase and adopted a Commitment and an Agenda for the Information Society, which addressed *inter alia* the themes of financial mechanisms and Internet governance.

_____

[1] The outcome documents of WSIS are available at: http://www.itu.int/wsis/.

8.   The Economic and Social Council was requested by the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society to oversee the UN system-wide follow-up of the outcomes of the Geneva and Tunis Phases of the Summit. To this end, ECOSOC was requested to review the mandate of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD), including its strengthening, taking into account the multi-stakeholder approach.[2]

9.   In its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006, entitled "Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development", the Council decided that the CSTD will effectively assist the Council as the focal point in the system-wide follow-up to the outcomes of the WSIS and advise the Council thereon, including through recommendations to the Council aimed at furthering the implementation of the Summit outcomes.

10.   Against this background, and in anticipation of the Council resolution on the follow-up to the WSIS and review of its mandate during the Council substantive session in July 2006, at its ninth session the Commission on Science and Technology for Development decided to select "Promoting the building of a people-centred, development-oriented and inclusive information society with a view to enhancing digital opportunities for all people" as the substantive theme for its 2006-2008 work programme. The provisional agenda and documentation for its tenth session, which includes the main theme, was approved by Council decision 2007/208 of 2 March 2007.

11.   In order to contribute to a further understanding of the issues, and to assist the CSTD in its deliberations at its tenth session, the UNCTAD secretariat, in collaboration with UNESCO, convened a panel meeting in Paris from 6 to 8 November 2006. The report from the Panel discussion will be before the Commission.[3]

12.   The report of the Secretary-General[4] aims to provide an overview of the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) at the regional and international levels, highlighting examples of good and effective practices, with a view to sharing best and effective practices and lessons learned. It draws on the findings and recommendations of the Commission's panel discussion held in Paris in November 2006 on inputs by United Nations entities and specialized agencies and on other relevant literature.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on "Promoting the building of a people-centred, development-oriented and inclusive information society" (E/CN.16/2007/2)

Report on the panel discussion on "Promoting the building of a people-centred, development-oriented and inclusive information society" (E/CN.16/2007/CRP.1)

Note by the Secretariat on activities undertaken by relevant United Nations entities in the implementation of WSIS (E/CN.16/2007/CRP.2)

---

[2] Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, para. 105.
[3] E/CN.16/2007/CRP.1.
[4] E/CN.16/2007/2.

Item 3. Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes at the regional and international levels

13.   In addition to a review and assessment of progress made on the implementation of WSIS outcomes at regional and international levels, the Commission will also develop a multi-year work programme, as requested by Council resolution 2006/46.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on "Promoting the building of a people-centred, development-oriented and inclusive information society" (E/CN.16/2007/2).

- Report on the Panel discussion on "Promoting the building of a people-centred, development-oriented and inclusive information society" (E/CN.16/2007/CRP.1)

- Note by the Secretariat on activities undertaken by relevant United Nations entities in the implementation of WSIS (E/CN.16/2007/CRP.2)

Item 4. Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the ninth session of the Commission

14.   In its resolution of …………, the Economic and Social Council requested the Commission to undertake a number of activities related to bridging the technology gap between and within nations. The Commission will have before it a report on the implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the ninth session of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the ninth session of the Commission (E/CN.16/2007/3)

Item 5. Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the eleventh session of the Commission

15.   Following the practice established at its previous sessions, the Commission will elect a Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons for its eleventh session. It is understood that one of the Vice-Chairpersons will also serve as Rapporteur.

Item 6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the eleventh session of the Commission

16.   In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its eleventh session, together with an indication of the documentation to be submitted for its consideration.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Commission.

Item 7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its tenth session

17.   In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions, the Commission will submit a report on the work of its tenth session to the Economic and Social Council.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item	Programme
Monday, 21 May	1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	Opening of the session
a.m.	2. Substantive theme: Promoting the building of a people-centred, development-oriented and inclusive information society *Ministerial high-level segment*	Introduction and general discussion
p.m.	2. Substantive theme	General discussion – continued
Tuesday, 22 May		
a.m.	3. Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)	Joint CSTD-GAID panel discussion
p.m.	3. Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society	Joint CSTD-GAID panel discussion
Wednesday, 23 May		
a.m.	3. Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society	General discussion
p.m.	3. Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society 4. Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the ninth session of the Commission	Conclusion of general discussion Introduction and general discussion
Thursday, 24 May		
a.m./p.m	2. Substantive theme	Introduction of draft proposals Informal consultations on draft proposals – continued
Friday, 25 May		
a.m./p.m.	2. Substantive theme Action on draft proposals 5. Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the eleventh session of the Commission 6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the eleventh session of the Commission 7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its tenth session	Informal consultations on draft proposals – conclusion Nomination and election of officers Adoption of the draft provisional agenda Closure of the session

Annex II

**Membership of the Commission on Science and Technology for
Development at its tenth session (43 members; four-year term)**

Members	Term expires on 31 December
Angola	2008
Argentina	2010
Austria	2008
Belarus	2010
Belgium	2010
Brazil	2008
Burkina Faso	2010
Chile	2008
China	2010
Cuba	2010
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2008
Dominican Republic	2010
El Salvador	2010
Equatorial Guinea	2008
Eritrea	2010
Finland	2008
France	2010
Gambia	2008
Germany	2010
India	2010
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2010
Italy	2008
Jamaica	2008
Jordan	2008
Latvia	2010
Lesotho	2010
Malaysia	2010
Oman	2008
Pakistan	2008
Peru	2008
Philippines	2010
Russian Federation	2008
Sierra Leone	2008
Slovakia	2008
Sri Lanka	2008
Sudan	2010
Switzerland	2008
Tunisia	2010
Turkey	2010
Uganda	2010

Members	Term expires on 31 December
United Kingdom	2008
United States of America	2010
[Vacancy (Eastern European Group)	*2010]*

* * * * * * * *