Economic and Social Council

Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Twelfth session
Geneva, 25–29 May 2009
Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Provisional annotated agenda and organization of work

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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 twelfth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2008/220 of 18 July 2008.

2.   In accordance with the established practice, the Commission, at its tenth meeting on 30 May 2008, elected by acclamation the Bureau of the twelfth session, with the following composition:

Chair:	Juan Eduardo Eguiguren (Chile)
Vice-Chairs:	Yrjő Länsipuro (Finland)
	Štefan Morávek (Slovakia)
	Maximus J. Ongkili (Malaysia)
	El Tayeb Idris Eisa (Sudan)

3.   As at previous sessions of the Commission, one of the vice-chairs will be designated to also serve as rapporteur.

4.   The proposed organization of work of the Commission at its twelfth 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, 25 May, to Friday, 29 May 2009. 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.   Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes at the regional and international levels

7.   The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), organized by the International Telecommunication Union 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 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.

8.   The Economic and Social Council was requested by the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society to oversee the United Nations system-wide follow-up of the outcomes of the Geneva and Tunis Phases of the summit. To this end, the Economic

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

and Social Council was requested to review the mandate of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, 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 Commission shall 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.   In its resolution 2007/8 of 27 July 2007 on "Flow of information for the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society", the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to annually inform the Commission on the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, including all e-applications. In this connection, the Council requested the United Nations organizations acting as action line facilitators, United Nations regional commissions, main theme facilitators, the Global Alliance for Information and Communications Technologies and Development and other entities, as appropriate, to submit to the secretariat of the Commission their respective reports as inputs towards the elaboration of the annual report of the Secretary-General to the Commission.

11.   In its resolution 2008/3 on 18 July 2008 on "Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society", the Economic and Social Council recommended that in submitting their reports to Secretariat of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, in accordance with resolution 2007/8, action line facilitators bring to the attention of the Commission obstacles and difficulties encountered by all stakeholders in regard to the commitments and recommendations pertaining to their respective action line at the regional and international levels, and make proposals to the Commission for possible action, whenever deemed necessary.

12.   The report of the Secretary-General[3] aims to provide an overview of the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of 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 Santiago, Chile, in November 2008, on inputs by the United Nations entities and specialized agencies and on other relevant literature. The Commission will review and assess progress made on the implementation of WSIS outcomes at the regional and international levels, as requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2006/46.

Documentation

A/64/64 – E/2009/10	Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels
E/CN.16/2009/CRP.1	Report on the 2008–2009 Intersessional Panel of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

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2 Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, para. 105.
3 A/64/64 – E/2009/10.

Item 3. Priority themes:

(a) Development-oriented policies for a socio-economic inclusive information society, including access, infrastructure and an enabling environment

(b) Science, technology and engineering for innovation and capacity-building in education and research

(c) Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews

13. At its tenth session, in May 2007, as requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2006/46, and also recalling the Commission's mandate contained in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the resolution, the Commission on Science and Technology for Development adopted a multi-year work programme, which was underpinned by a strong development orientation and contained a number of themes. The Commission decided to focus in each biennium on a specific theme related to the building of the information society, with a view to narrowing the digital divide, and to examine, within its original mandate, the implications of science and technology for development.

14. The first two themes addressed by the Commission within the framework of its multiyear work programme are:

(a) Development-oriented policies for a socio-economic inclusive information society, including access, infrastructure and an enabling environment; and

(b) Science, technology and engineering for innovation and capacity building in education and research.

15. As part of the second priority theme, UNCTAD has undertaken Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) reviews. The purpose of the STIP reviews is to help Governments ensure that their science, technology and innovation policy supports relevant components of the national development agenda for reducing poverty and stimulating economic growth. The Commission will have before it a STIP review for discussion.

16. In order to contribute to a further understanding of these two themes, and to assist the Commission in its deliberations at its twelfth session, a panel meeting was convened in Santiago, Chile, from 12 to 14 November 2008. The report from the panel discussion will be before the Commission.[4]

Documentation

E/CN.16/2009/2	Report of the Secretary-General on development-oriented policies for a socio-economic inclusive information society, including access, infrastructure and an enabling environment
E/CN.16/2009/3	Report of the Secretary-General on science, technology and engineering for innovation and capacity-building in education and research
E/CN.16/2009/CRP.1	Report on the 2007–2008 Intersessional Panel of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

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[4] E/CN.16/2009/CRP1.

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

17.   In its resolution 2008/3 of 18 July 2008, the Economic and Social Council called upon the international community, Governments, United Nations entities and all WSIS stakeholders to undertake a number of activities related to the follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels. And by its decision 2008/219 of 18 July 2008, the Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its twelfth session on the science, technology and innovation priority themes addressed during the current biennium. An oral report on the implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the eleventh session will be presented at the twelfth session of the Commission.

Item 5. **Election of the Chair and other officers for the thirteenth session of the Commission**

18.   Following the practice established at its previous sessions, the Commission will elect a Chair and four vice-chairs for its thirteenth session. It is understood that one of the vice-chairs will also serve as rapporteur.

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

19.   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 thirteenth session, together with an indication of the documentation to be submitted for its consideration.

Item 7. **Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twelfth session**

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

Annex I
Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item	Programme
Monday, 25 May		
10 a.m.	1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters 2. Progress made in the implementation	Opening of the session *Introduction and general discussion*
	Ministerial high-level segment	
3 p.m.	2. Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes at the regional and international levels	*General discussion (concluded)*
Tuesday, 26 May		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	2. Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes at the regional and international levels	Joint CSTD – GAID *(Global Alliance for ICT and Development)* panel discussion
Wednesday, 27 May		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	3. Priority themes: (a) Development-oriented policies for a socio-economic inclusive information society, including access, infrastructure and an enabling environment (b) Science, technology and engineering for innovation and capacity-building in education and research (c) Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews	*Introduction* *Presentation of reports followed by general discussion*
Thursday, 28 May		
10 a.m.	3. Priority themes: (a) Development-oriented policies for a socio-economic inclusive information society, including access, infrastructure and an enabling environment (b) Science, technology and engineering for innovation and capacity-building in education and research (c) Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews	*Presentation of reports followed by general discussion (concluded)*
	4. Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the eleventh session of the Commission	*Introduction and general discussion*
3 p.m.	3 Priority themes: (a) and (b)	Informal consultations on draft proposals

Friday,
29 May
10 a.m.
and
3 p.m.

3. Priority themes: (a) and (b)

Informal consultations
on draft proposals
(concluded)

5. Election of the Chair and other officers for the thirteenth
session of the Commission

Action on draft
proposals

Nomination and
election of officers

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

Adoption of the draft
provisional agenda

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

Adoption of the report

Closure of the session

Annex II

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

Members	Term expires on 31 December
1. Argentina	2010
2. Austria	2012
3. Belarus	2010
4. Belgium	2010
5. Brazil	2012
6. Burkina Faso	2010
7. Chile	2012
8. China	2010
9. Costa Rica	2012
10. Cuba	2010
11. Democratic Republic of the Congo	2012
12. Dominican Republic	2010
13. El Salvador	2010
14. Equatorial Guinea	2012
15. Eritrea	2010
16. Finland	2012
17. France	2010
18. Germany	2010
19. Ghana	2012
20. India	2010
21. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2010
22. Israel	2012
23. Jamaica	2012
24. Jordan	2012
25. Latvia	2010
26. Lesotho	2010
27. Malaysia	2010
28. Mali	2012
29. Oman	2012
30. Pakistan	2012
31. Philippines	2010
32. Russian Federation	2012
33. Slovakia	2012
34. South Africa	2012
35. Sri Lanka	2012
36. Sudan	2010
37. Switzerland	2012
38. Tunisia	2010

Members	Term expires on 31 December
39. Turkey	2010
40. Uganda	2010
41. United States of America	2010
Vacancy (Western European and Other States group)	2012
Vacancy (Eastern European Group)	2010

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Corrigendum

Annex I

In the third entry under the "Programme" column, *for* Joint CSTD–GAID panel discussion, *read* Joint CSTD–ITU–GAID multi-stakeholder discussion.

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