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Annotations

Item 1

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

1. Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that commissions shall adopt, at the beginning of each session, the agenda of the session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda and documentation for the sixteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) were approved by the Council in its decision 2012/228 of 24 July 2012.
2. In accordance with the established practice, the Commission, at its eighth meeting on 24 May 2012, elected by acclamation the Bureau of the sixteenth session, as follows:

Chair:	Mr. Miguel Palomino de la Gala (Peru)
Vice-Chairs:	Mr. Peter Major (Hungary)
	Ms. Thato Regina Mosisili (Lesotho)
	Mr. Andrew Reynolds (United States of America)
3. At its ninth meeting, on 25 May 2012, the Commission elected Mr. Mohammad Kazem Asayesh Talab Tousi (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Vice-Chair of the sixteenth session.
4. As at previous sessions of the Commission, one of the Vice-Chairs will be designated to also serve as Rapporteur.
5. The proposed organization of work of the Commission at its sixteenth 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 time frame 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.
6. The Commission is scheduled to meet from Monday to Friday, 3 to 7 June 2013. 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..
7. The current membership of the Commission is contained in annex II for information.

Documentation

E/CN.16/2013/1 Provisional annotated agenda and organization of work

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

8. 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 in 2005 in Tunis. In the Geneva Declaration of Principles,

the first phase of the WSIS¹ 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 the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, which addressed, inter alia, the themes of financial mechanisms and Internet governance.

9. The Tunis Agenda for the Information Society requested the Economic and Social Council 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 Council was requested to review the mandate of the CSTD, including its strengthening, taking into account the multi-stakeholder approach.²

10. 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 Economic and Social Council decided that the CSTD 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.

11. In its resolution 2007/8 of 27 July 2007, entitled “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 WSIS, 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.

12. The “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 outcomes at the regional and international levels”³ aims to provide an overview of the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of WSIS, highlighting examples of good and effective practices, with a view to sharing these practices and the lessons learned. It draws on the findings and recommendations of the Commission’s panel discussion held in Lima, Peru, in January 2013, 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 regional and international levels, as requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2006/46.

13. In its resolution 67/195, entitled “Information and communications technologies for development”, the General Assembly invited the Chair of the CSTD to establish a working group on enhanced cooperation to examine the mandate of the WSIS regarding enhanced cooperation as contained in the Tunis Agenda, through seeking, compiling and reviewing inputs from all Member States and all other stakeholders, and to make recommendations on how to fully implement this mandate; when convening the working group it was also requested that the Chair take into consideration the meetings already scheduled on the calendar of the Commission, and that the working group should report to the Commission at its seventeenth session, in 2014, as an input to the overall review of the outcomes of the WSIS.

¹ The outcome documents are available at <http://www.itu.int/wsis/>.

² Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, paragraph 105.

³ A/68/65-E/2013/11.

14. Pursuant to the General Assembly resolution 67/195, in January 2013 the Chair of the CSTD invited members of the Commission to provide feedback on his proposed composition of the working group on enhanced cooperation to examine the mandate of the WSIS regarding enhanced cooperation as contained in the Tunis Agenda. The Chair expects to share with the Commission the group composition and the next steps related to the establishment of the working group in February 2013.

Documentation

A/68/65-E/2013/11 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 outcomes at the regional and international levels

E/CN.16/2013/CRP.1 Report on the intersessional panel meeting

Item 3
Priority themes

15. In paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of its resolution 2006/46, the Economic and Social Council requested that the CSTD follow a multi-year work programme underpinned by a strong development orientation, and it provided 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.

16. The priority themes addressed by the Commission are:

- (a) Science, technology and innovation for sustainable cities and peri-urban communities;
- (b) Internet broadband for an inclusive digital society.

17. In order to contribute to a further understanding of these themes, and to assist the Commission in its deliberations at its sixteenth session, a panel meeting was convened in Lima, Peru, from 7 to 9 January 2013. The report from the panel discussion will be before the Commission.

Documentation

E/CN.16/2013/2 Report of the Secretary-General on science, technology and innovation for sustainable cities and peri-urban communities

E/CN.16/2013/3 Report of the Secretary-General on Internet broadband for an inclusive digital society

E/CN.16/2013/CRP.1 Summary report of the intersessional panel meeting

Item 4
Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews

18. In its resolution 2009/8, entitled “Science and technology for development”, the Economic and Social Council extended its appreciation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for undertaking science, technology and innovation policy (STIP) reviews and encouraged UNCTAD to continue providing its expertise and analytical skills for these reviews.

19. In its resolution 2011/17, the Economic and Social Council encouraged the Commission to facilitate new STIP reviews, in close collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Bank and other relevant international development banks and institutions, and consider new modalities to monitor progress for their implementation. In particular, the Council encouraged the Commission to identify opportunities and best practices and synergies in and between e-science, e-engineering and e-education programmes worldwide in the course of performing STIP reviews. Further, the Council requested the Commission to complete and disseminate the new STIP methodology guidelines and share outcomes and best practices resulting from their implementation. Subsequently, in its resolution 2012/6, the Council also encouraged the Commission to develop metrics to assess progress made by countries to implement STIP review recommendations and, if requested by those countries, to conduct periodic reviews to monitor such progress.

20. The Commission will hear the presentation of the report on the STIP review of the Dominican Republic.

Item 5

Election of the Chair and other officers for the seventeenth session of the Commission

21. Following the established practice, the Commission will elect the Chair and the four Vice-Chairs for the seventeenth session at the end of the sixteenth session. One of the Vice-Chairs will also serve as the Rapporteur.

Item 6

Provisional agenda and documentation for the seventeenth session of the Commission

22. 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 seventeenth 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 sixteenth session

23. 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 sixteenth session.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item/discussion topic</i>	<i>Programme</i>
Monday, 3 June		
10 a.m.	1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	Opening statements Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	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	Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General
	Ministerial round table on “Review of progress made in the implementation of WSIS outcomes”	Ministerial round table followed by general discussion
3 p.m.	3. Science, technology and innovation for development	
	Ministerial round table on “Harnessing science and technology to address development challenges”	Ministerial round table followed by general discussion
Tuesday, 4 June		
10 a.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 – continued
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 – continued
Wednesday, 5 June		
10 a.m.	4. Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews	Introduction followed by an interactive dialogue
12 p.m.	3. Priority themes: (a) Science, technology and innovation for sustainable cities and peri-urban communities	Introduction and general discussion
3 p.m.	3. Priority themes:	

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item/discussion topic</i>	<i>Programme</i>
	(a) Science, technology and innovation for sustainable cities and peri-urban communities	General discussion – continued
	(b) Internet broadband for an inclusive digital society	Introduction and general discussion
Thursday, 6 June		
10 a.m.	Informal consultations on draft proposals	Informal consultations on draft proposals
3 p.m.	Informal consultations on draft proposals	Informal consultations on draft proposals – continued
Friday, 7 June		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	5. Election of the Chair and other officers for the seventeenth session of the Commission	Election of officers
	6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the seventeenth session of the Commission	Informal consultations on draft proposals continues in parallel (as required) Action on draft proposals
	7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixteenth session	Adoption of the draft provisional agenda Adoption of the draft report
	Closure of the session	

Annex II

Membership of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its sixteenth session

(43 members;⁴ four-year term)

<i>Membership in 2013</i>	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
1. Austria	2016
2. Brazil	2016
3. Bulgaria	2014
4. Cameroon	2016
5. Central African Republic	2016
6. Chile	2016
7. China	2014
8. Costa Rica	2016
9. Cuba	2014
10. Dominican Republic	2014
11. El Salvador	2014
12. Finland	2016
13. France	2014
14. Germany	2016
15. Hungary	2014
16. India	2014
17. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2014
18. Japan	2016
19. Latvia	2014
20. Lesotho	2014
21. Liberia	2016
22. Malta	2014
23. Mauritius	2014
24. Mexico	2016
25. Nigeria	2016

⁴ There are currently two vacancies: one in the Asian Group, and one in the Eastern European Group.

<i>Membership in 2013</i>	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
26. Oman	2016
27. Peru	2014
28. Philippines	2014
29. Portugal	2016
30. Russian Federation	2016
31. Rwanda	2014
32. Saudi Arabia	2014
33. Sri Lanka	2016
34. Sweden	2014
35. Switzerland	2016
36. Togo	2014
37. Tunisia	2014
38. Turkey	2014
39. United Republic of Tanzania	2014
40. United States of America	2014
41. Zambia	2016
