



UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

2024-2025 Inter-sessional Panel

21-22 October 2024, Room XXVI, Palais des Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

Programme

Day One (Monday, 21 October)

Opening Ceremony

Moderator: H. E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah, Chair of the CSTD

10:00 – 10:05 Introduction of the Intersessional Panel by the Moderator

10:05 – 10:15 Opening remarks by Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to WSIS outcomes at the regional and international levels, and the WSIS+20 review

Moderator: Mr. Peter Major, Vice Chair of the CSTD

10:15 – 10:20 Introduction of the session by the Moderator

10:20 – 10:35 Briefing by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director of Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD and Head of the CSTD Secretariat, on the progress of preparing the WSIS+20 report for discussion at the 28th annual session of the CSTD

10:35 – 10:50 Briefing by Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, on the outcomes of the Global Digital Compact and its implications for CSTD and the WSIS

10:50 – 12:00 Panel discussion on progress in the implementation of WSIS outcomes

- Ms. Gitanjali Sah, Strategy and Policy Coordinator, International Telecommunications Union
- Mr. Davide Storti, Programme Specialist, Digital Policies and Digital Transformation Section, UNESCO
- Mr. Mactar Seck, Chief of Innovation and Technology Section, UNECA
- Mr. Ayman Elsherbiny, Senior Programme Management Officer, UNESCWA
- Mr. Wai Min Kwok, Senior Governance and Public Administration Officer, DESA
- Mr. Chengetai Masango, Head of Office, Secretariat of Internet Governance Forum

12:00 – 13:00 *Interactive discussions among participants, including questions and comments for panelists*

13:00 – 14:40 Lunch event on ***Pivoting to Inclusive and Equitable Economies - What Elements for an Integrated Approach to Global Data and AI Governance?*** organized by IT for Change and Global Digital Justice Forum

Theme 1: Diversifying economies in a world of accelerated digitalization

Moderator: Ms. Ana Cristina das Neves, Vice Chair of the CSTD Chair of the CSTD

15:00 – 15:05 Introduction of the session by the Moderator

15:05 – 15:25 Introduction of the Issues Paper by Mr. Antonio Vezzani, Economic Affairs Officer, Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, DTL, UNCTAD

15:25 – 16:30 Panelists

- Ms. Florencia Barletta, Professor, Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Argentina

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Julio D. Raffo, Head of Innovation Economy Section, World Intellectual Property Organization • Ms. Valentina Meliciani, Director of the Luiss Institute for European Analysis and Policy, Italy • Mr. Nobuya Haraguchi, Chief of the Industrial Policy Research Unit, UNIDO
16:30 – 18:00	<i>Interactive discussions among participants, including questions and comments for panelists</i>

Day Two (Tuesday, 22 October 2024)	
Theme 2: Technology Foresight and Technology Assessment for Sustainable Development	
Moderator: Ms. Leah Buendia, Vice Chair of CSTD	
10:00 – 10:05	Introduction of the session by the Moderator
10:05 – 10:20	Introduction of the Issues Paper by Mr. Michael Lim, Economic Affairs Officer, Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, DTL, UNCTAD
10:20 – 11:20	<p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ian Miles, Professor, University of Manchester, United Kingdom • Mr. Armin Grunwald, Head, Institute for Technology Assessment and Systems Analysis, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology • Mr. John Mugabe, Professor, University of Pretoria, South Africa • Ms. Poonam Pandey, Maria Zambrano Fellow, Post-Growth Innovation Lab, University of Vigo, Spain
11:20 – 11:30	Discussant: Ms. Sophia Huyer, Co-chair, Gender Advisory Board of the CSTD
11:30 – 13:00	<i>Interactive discussions among participants, including questions and comments for panelists.</i>
13:30 – 14:45	Lunch event on <i>Exploring innovative financing mechanisms for community-centred connectivity: A WSIS+20 Agenda To Leave No One Behind</i> , organized by Association for Progressive Communications and Internet Society
Informal discussions	
Moderator: H. E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah, Chair of the CSTD	
15:00 – 16:30	Discussion on the setting-up of the CSTD Working Group on Data Governance
16:30 – 17:20	Discussion on improving efficiency of negotiating CSTD resolutions – proposed by the Bureau of the CSTD
Closing session	
Moderator: H. E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah, Chair of the CSTD	
17:20 – 17:30	Closing remarks by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, DTL, UNCTAD and Head of the CSTD Secretariat