



NOTIFICATION

Commission on Science and Technology for Development Intersessional panel

17 November 2025
Room XVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

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The Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) will hold its [2025–2026 intersessional panel meeting](#) at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, with physical participation, on 17 November 2025, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.

At the intersessional panel meeting, the following priority theme will be addressed:

Science, Technology and Innovation in the age of AI

At the meeting, the Chair of the Working Group on Data Governance as Relevant for Development at All Levels will also report on the progress the Working Group has made.

The background paper (unedited draft) on the priority theme will be circulated by the secretariat in due course. The findings and recommendations of the intersessional panel meeting will be considered at the twenty-ninth session of the Commission in 2026.

Participation

Participants will include representatives from national Governments, international organizations, the private sector, academia and civil society. Representatives of other organizations, including non-governmental organizations in the general and special categories, should hold consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or have received accreditation from the World Summit on the Information Society.

Registration is mandatory and should be completed as early as possible. Registration should be completed online at <https://indico.un.org/event/1012800/>



Financial assistance

The meeting is open to representatives of all States, whether they are members or not of the Commission.

Depending on the availability of funding, the Commission will defray the travel and per diem costs of representatives endorsed by the States that are [members of the Commission](#). The CSTD secretariat will inform the permanent missions of Commission Member States when funding will be available.

Logistics

The meeting will be held with physical participation in room XVI of the Palais des Nations. To facilitate approval of registration, permanent missions should confirm the list of participating delegates by means of a note verbale or email by 31 October 2025.

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to scan their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix. As part of the new system at the United Nations Office at Geneva, participants will receive a digital badge consisting of their photo, a quick response (QR) code and the name and date of the meeting. The digital badge will be sent to each participant by email once they have been accredited by the meeting organizer and should be downloaded to a mobile telephone or other mobile device. Participants may also print the digital badge in order to use the QR code.

The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. in order to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building A of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card with them.

Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations. Visitors should therefore be dropped off at the indicated entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives special clearance.

Further information and contact details

General information on the Commission is available at <https://unctad.org/topic/commission-on-science-and-technology-for-development>.

Details with regard to the current membership are available at <https://unctad.org/topic/commission-on-science-and-technology-for-development/membership>.

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