

United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Twenty-sixth Session
Hybrid Meeting
27 March 2023, 10:30 – 18:00 (Geneva time)
28-31 March 2023, 10:00-18:00 (Geneva time)

Information Note for Participants

1. Participation and registration

All participants must register online. To do so, please use the following link to Indico: <https://indico.un.org/event/1000797/>. To facilitate approval of registration, we request that permanent missions confirm the list of their delegates by means of a note verbale or email. Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the meeting should be sent to the CSTD secretariat, email: stdev@unctad.org. We recommend participants to use their personal e-mail addresses for registration, as links to the actual meeting will be communicated via e-mail.

2. Arrangement for the conduct of discussion

A. Verbal statements

Delegations that would like to make an intervention during any of the hybrid sessions are strongly encouraged to inform the CSTD Secretariat not later than 20 March 2023. To facilitate interpretation, delegates are kindly requested to submit one day in advance a copy of their written interventions/remarks by email to stdev@unctad.org.

We would like to request delegations to the extent possible to make one statement only per country or organization per session, and to participate in the discussions through one delegate who will take the floor.

On the online platform, delegates can request the floor by using the “hand raising” functionality. Delegates are asked to observe the time limit of 3 minutes for interventions during the sessions. Please note that interpretation services for interventions by remote participants is limited to a cumulative total of 30 minutes per session. Thus, after participant interventions made remotely exceed 30 minutes, interpretation will be subsequently provided only for in-person interventions.

B. Written statements

If you wish your written interventions/remarks to be uploaded to the CSTD website after the session, please indicate so to the Secretariat (stdev@unctad.org) when sending.

3. Logistical arrangements

A. Virtual Meeting Platform

The meeting will be organized through the Zoom platform and will be conducted with simultaneous interpretation in six UN official languages. To prevent technical issues during the live meeting, we strongly encourage you to familiarize yourself with the technical requirements and recommendations specified in the following user guides:

[Recommendations for Zoom meeting attendees](#)
[Requirements for remote participation](#)

B. Link to the virtual session:

A link to the virtual meeting will be sent to registered participants, at the email address used for registration, one day in advance of the start of the session.

C. Testing connectivity

The Secretariat will test Zoom with speakers listed in the programme before the meeting.

When you connect, please type your credentials: Country or Organization_First Name Last Name.

D. Physical participation

The [CSTD 26th session](#) is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. on 27 March 2023. It will be held at the [Tempus Room](#) in the Palais des Nations.

Wearing a mask in the Palais des Nations is no longer required, though participants and staff are free to wear one if they wish, while continuing to keep safe distances.

Before entering the Palais des Nations through the [Peace Gate “bis”](#), participants are requested to collect their badges at the [Villa Les Feuillantines](#), Avenue de la Paix 13, 1211 Geneva 10. You have to come well in advance and make sure you bring your valid UN Member State National Passport or ID card from a Schengen State. The Security Service is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. on weekdays. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9:00 a.m. in order to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service grants special clearance.
