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Role and future tasks of the CSTD

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Outline

- High level meetings impacting the CSTD
- Role and tasks of the Commission
- Science related decisions
- WSIS follow-up tasks
- Funding
- Discussion

High level meetings

- World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

- Addis Ababa Action Agenda (3rd International Conference on Financing for Development)

- 2030 Agenda for SDGs

- COP21 on Climate Change

- WSIS+10 review

Tasks of the Commission - 1

Science related mandate

1. priority themes – proposed by the Bureau - issue papers – discussed during inter-sessional and finalized for annual meeting

2. STIP Reviews

3. Science related draft ECOSOC resolution

Tasks of the Commission - 2

WSIS follow-up related mandate

1. Report of UN SG (system-wide review)

2. WSIS related draft ECOSOC resolution

UNGA resolutions

Working Groups (IGF, Enhanced Cooperation)

Science related decisions

- The [AAAA](#) and the [Post-2015 Development Agenda Outcome Document](#) called for establishing a technology facilitation mechanism, to be launched at the UN Summit of the 2030 Agenda in order to support the sustainable development goals.

- It comprises of : a UN inter-agency task team on STI for the SDGs

- a collaborative annual multi-stakeholder forum on STI for the SDGs

- An online platform as a gateway for information on existing STI initiatives, mechanisms and programs

WSIS related decisions

- Continue WSIS system-wide review

- Report on implementation of WGIGF recommendations

- Identify and promote specific , detailed actions to support the enabling environment for ICTs and development and provide the demand-driven policy advice, technical assistance and capacity-building as appropriate

- Tasks the Chair of CSTD to (re)establish WGEC

CSTD WGEC -1

- Request the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, through the Economic and Social Council, to establish a working group to develop recommendations on how to further implement enhanced cooperation as envisioned in the Tunis Agenda, taking into consideration the work that has been done on this matter thus far.

CSTD WGEC -2

- The group, which shall be constituted no later than July 2016, will decide at the outset on its methods of work, including modalities, and will ensure the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders, taking into account all their diverse views and expertise.
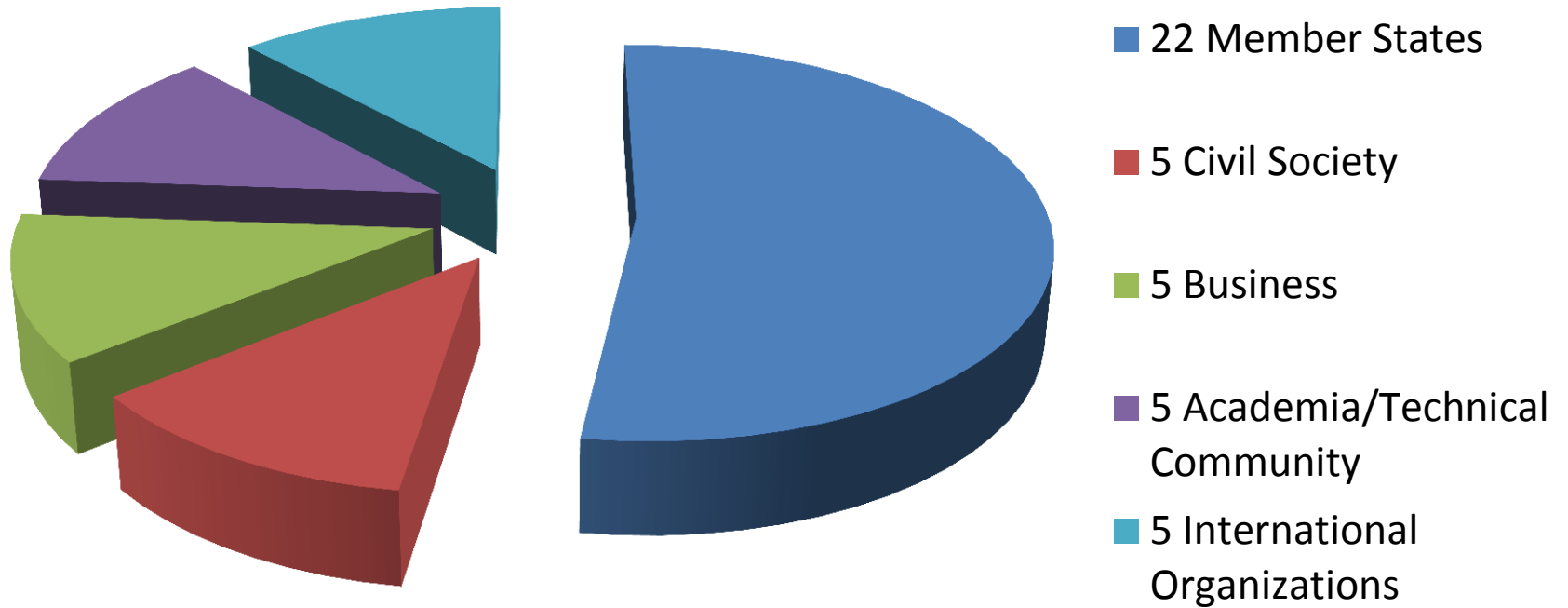
CSTD WGEC - 3

- The group will submit a report to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its twenty-first session for inclusion in the annual report of the Commission to the Council. The report will also serve as an input to the regular reporting of the Secretary-General on implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.

Chair's proposal
Structure of the WGEC

- 22 Member States
- 5 Civil Society
- 5 Business
- 5 Academia/Technical Community
- 5 International Organizations

Structure of the WGEC

4 - 4 government representatives of member states of the 5 regions of the CSTD + Switzerland and Tunisia (22 members)

- 5 - 5 representatives of other stakeholders (civil society , academia/technical community, business, international organizations) (20 members)

Selection of members of the WGEC

1. Expertise, gender and geographical balance
2. Process

- CSTD regions - vice-chairs/focal points start consultation with members
- Other stakeholders (civil society , academia/technical community, business) focal points start consultation with respective stakeholder community
- International Organizations
3. Deadline - nomination by 15 March 2016

Constitution of WGEC

1. CTSD regions, stakeholder groups submit nominees to CSTD Secretariat by 15 March 2016

2. Chair submits list to 19th Session of the CSTD from 9 -13 May 2016, Geneva

3. The ECOSOC draft resolution on WSIS follow-up takes note of the constitution of the WGEC (list of members annexed to the resolution)

4. In July 2016 ECOSOC considers the draft resolution and budgetary implications

Proposed modalities

Physical meetings
(preferably back to back to other meetings)
- 1-2 three-day meetings in 2016
- 2-3 three-day meeting in 2017

webcast
captioning

Funding

UNGA   - did not take decision on budgetary implications

     - advised to consider budgetary implications by ECOSOC

CSTD WGEC - to decide on modalities and methods

Conclusion

- The role of the Commission has been reinforced

- We should cooperate with UN Agencies and other fora to support SDGs

- We have to find new working methods
  The role of the Bureau should be enhanced
  The resources of Secretariat should be increased

- Mandates on Science and WSIS review should converge

- We should continue to assist ECOSOC in its work