

## **Committee Description - CSTD**

The United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development is a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council that regularly meets to examine reports from ad hoc panels and workshops containing specialized and technical advice that is then used to inform policy recommendations to the ECOSOC and the General Assembly. Made up of 43 representatives of nations from across the Globe, these individuals, nominated by their respective governments, are leaders within their respective fields and possess the incredible professional and scientific knowledge necessary for this position. This 2017 assembly of the CSTD will focus on the pressing issues facing Science and Technology in Agriculture, the continuing struggle to have Accessible Digital Development and the future prospect of Smart Cities and Infrastructure. Delegates, we look forward to seeing what you bring to the table and how your Scientific decisions will shape the world.

## **Topic Outlines**

1. Accessible Digital Development
  - a. Addressing Tech disparity between countries
  - b. Impact of Tech Development on Economic Development
  - c. Globalization of Digital Commodity Production
2. Science and Technology in Agriculture
  - a. Genetically Modified Organisms
  - b. Intellectual property in agriculture
  - c. Use of Pesticides and other petrochemicals
3. Smart Cities and Infrastructure
  - a. Regulation of Artificial Intelligence
  - b. Water supply management #LasVegas
  - c. Infrastructure implementation and risk management