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(Virtual event)

Side event to the  
STI Forum 2021

# TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION REPORT 2021

*Innovation with equity*

Roundtable with 10 Member Group  
Taking recommendations forward



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**What is the impact of frontier technologies on inequalities?**

**How can governments and other stakeholder can minimize risks and maximize opportunities?**

**And how can international cooperation help?**

*The answer to these questions is critical for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.*

*The Technology and Innovation Report 2021* critically examines the possibility that frontier technologies such as artificial intelligence, robotics and gene editing could widen existing inequalities and create new ones.

The roundtable discussion by 10 Member Group representatives will be centered around the implementation of the recommendations from the report and ways of moving forward with the policy options for countries to strategically position themselves to take advantage of new waves of technological change for inclusive and sustainable development.

The 10-Member Group appointed by the Secretary-General is mandated to work with the IATT to prepare the annual STI Forum and to support the development and operationalization of the online platform.

## Programme

Opening remarks  
Presentation TIR 2021

Roundtable

Moderator

**Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne**, Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

**Mr. Clovis Freire**, Economist, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, Team Leader of the Technology and Innovation Report 2021

**Dr. Paulo Gadelha**, Coordinator of the FIOCRUZ Strategy for the 2030 Agenda, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ) (Brazil)

**Dr. José Ramón López-Portillo Romano**, Chairman, Q Element Ltd. (Mexico)

**Dr. Anne-Christine Ritschkoff**, Senior Advisor VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd. (Finland)

**Dr. Špela Stres**, Director of Innovation and Technology Transfer Center for Jožef Stefan Institute (Slovenia)

**Prof. Huadong Guo**, Chairman of Academic Committee, Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) (China)

**Mr. Angel Gonzalez Sanz**, Science, Technology and ICT Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

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