

ECOSOC Decision 2005/308

Methods of work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 27 July 2005, the Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, in which the Assembly requested each functional commission of the Economic and Social Council to examine its methods of work in order to better pursue the implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits and to report to the Council no later than 2005 on the outcome of that examination and welcomed the innovative means used by the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to improve the effectiveness, outreach and impact of its work, particularly by involving eminent experts, such as Nobel laureates, by relying on electronic means, such as the Science and Technology for Development Network,¹ and by establishing an international network of science and technology institutions, decided:

(a) That the Commission, in order to fulfil its mandate, would adopt a biennial programme of work beginning at its ninth session, in the first year focusing on policy analyses and in the second year focusing on operational aspects and implementation, and that the Commission should strengthen the connection between its review of implementation and its policy recommendations;

(b) That the Commission should encourage the active participation of civil society and the private sector in its panels, electronic working groups and annual sessions;

(c) That the Commission should strengthen collaboration with other functional commissions of the Council, for example through cooperation and coordination between the various substantive secretariats and bureaux, particularly in the context of integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields.

¹ <http://www.unctad.org/stdev>.