

1999/274. Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fourth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fifth session of the Commission

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1999, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fourth session⁷² and endorsed the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission;

(b) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the fifth session of the Commission set out below:

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Substantive theme: "National capacity-building in biotechnology", with particular attention to agriculture and the agro-industry, health and the environment. The theme will include: human resource development through basic science education, research and development, as well as their interdisciplinary aspects; the transfer, commercialization and diffusion of technology; increasing public awareness and participation in science policy-making; and bioethics, biosafety, biodiversity, and the legal and regulatory matters affecting these issues to ensure equitable treatment.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

3. Comprehensive note on implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the fourth session of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the secretariat

4. Presentation of country reports on technology and innovation policies.
5. Budget of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the secretariat

6. Activities of the Commission regarding the coordination of science and technology for development and other inter-sessional activities.

Documentation

Note by the secretariat

7. Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the sixth session of the Commission.
8. Provisional agenda and organization of work of the sixth session of the Commission.
9. Other matters.
10. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifth session.