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The United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) is mandated to provide ECOSOC and the GA with advice on relevant issues through analysis and appropriate policy recommendations. The CSTD has functioned as a forum to examine science and technology questions and their implications for development; to advance the understanding on science and technology policies, particularly in respect of developing countries, and to formulate recommendations and guidelines on science and technology matters within the United Nations system.

Over the years, the CSTD has examined a number of priority themes that are closely related to the development, diffusion and transfer of clean and environmentally sound technologies, including in the areas of energy¹, agriculture and water². In implementing Para 273 of A/66/L.56, the CSTD could continue to provide a platform to share good practice cases, with a view to identifying gaps and needs, as well as effective policy options.

¹ See Report of the Secretary-General on New and emerging technologies: renewable energy for development (http://archive.unctad.org/en/docs/ecn162010d4_en.pdf), and report on the Thirteenth Session (http://unctad.org/en/Docs/e2010d31_en.pdf)

² See Report of the Secretary-General on Technologies to address challenges in areas such as agriculture and water (http://unctad.org/en/Docs/ecn162011d2_en.pdf), and Report on the Fourteenth Session (http://unctad.org/en/Docs/ecn162011d5_en.pdf)