

- Biotechnology for sustainable industrial development
- molecular technologies for safe drinking water
- Biotechnology statistics (with NESTI)

Global Science Forum

Objective: Attended by senior science policy officials from member countries, the Forum's goal is to identify and maximize opportunities for international cooperation in basic scientific research; it establishes special-purpose working groups and workshops to perform technical analyses, and to develop policy recommendations for governments. It is a Part 2 budget activity in the OECD (members have to pay extra to participate) which has traditionally operated somewhat more independently than the other CSTP subsidiary bodies.

Programme of work (2001-2002):

- Consultative Group on High Energy Physics, which is considering research programs in elementary particle physics and the development of facilities and technologies that would be planned and implemented on a global basis
- Working Group on Neuroinformatics, which focuses on understanding the structure and function of the human brain
- Study on International Scientific Co-operation, under Canada's lead, which aims at providing policy makers with practical information and recommendations for planning and implementing new multinational research projects
- Task Force on Radio Astronomy and the Radio Spectrum, which is examining the possible negative impact on the future of radio astronomy due to electromagnetic emissions from large numbers of low-orbiting telecommunications satellites
- Workshop on Compact Ultra-high Power Lasers, in May 2001 in Japan, which explored the new field of research from the policy, as well as the scientific, perspective

Working Party on Innovation and Technology Policy (TIP)

- Implementing the NIS (National Innovation System) approach in policy making
- Emerging patterns of Public and private support to R&D
- Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation
- Fostering Innovation in SMEs
- Thematic workshops and focus groups, to carry out work in priority TIP projects
- International Co-operation in Technology and Innovation

In addition to the CSTP and its working parties, S&T-related work is underway in the OECD's Agriculture and Environment Policy Committees, and the OECD-affiliated International Energy Agency (IEA) and Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA):

The Agriculture Committee is still working on a programme of work on food safety, but