Announcement of the UNIDO Training Programme on Technology Foresight 2008/9

The UNIDO Training Programme on Technology Foresight 2008/9, composed by 5 modules of courses, will take place as follows:

1. Module 1: Technology Foresight for Organizers, to be held in Gebze (Turkey) on 3-7 November 2008;
2. Module 2: Technology Foresight for Practitioners: A Specialized Course on Roadmapping, to be held in Prague (Czech Republic) on 17-21 November 2008;
3. Module 3: Technology Foresight for High-level Decision-Makers (2 blocks), to be held in Seville (Spain) on 14-15 October and in Budapest (Hungary) on 2-3 December 2008;
4. Module 4: Technology Foresight for Corporations, to be held in Bratislava (Slovak Republic) on 14-16 October 2009; and
5. Module 5: Training of Trainers on Technology Foresight (the date and location are tbc).

The training programme pursues efforts to develop national and regional capabilities to organize and conduct technology foresight programmes for countries in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and the Newly Independent States (NIS).

The courses will be offered to professionals, officials and managers as well as representatives of enterprises responsible for applying technology foresight as an instrument for strategic decision-making in technology development, innovation and industrial policy.

During the courses, leading international experts, deeply involved in foresight exercises world-wide, will deliver lectures and introduce participants to:

- principal foresight experiences and good practices;
- case studies as a reference and inspiration for organizing foresight exercises;
- guided hands-on exercises in organizing foresight programmes; and
- networking of experts and institutions in the region for TF initiatives.

Due to limited seats available, applications are welcome at earliest convenience.

Please also disseminate this announcement to relevant potential interested professionals and institutions.

For further details and for the online application form, please visit the following web site: http://www.unido.org/foresight/2008

The courses are organized in cooperation with the governments of the Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Turkey and Institute for Prospective Technological Studies* (European Commission).

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