



Technology ForeSight

Announcement of the Technology Foresight Summit 2003

High-level government decision makers, top business leaders and outstanding scientists in the fields of technology policy, research and development, with special focus on biotechnology, from Central and Eastern Europe, the Newly Independent States as well as countries from other regions will meet at the annual Technology Foresight Summit, to take place from 27 to 29 March 2003, in Budapest, Hungary.

Organised by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and the Government of Hungary, hosted by the Hungarian capital, this flagship regional foresight event will also address issues of European integration as a development perspective.

Held at the Thermal Hotel Danubius on Budapest's fabulous Margaret Island, the Summit will consist of the following components:

- Ministerial Round Table will bring together top governmental decision-makers dealing with technology to discuss the impact of the European Union enlargement and integration process on the local industry from the perspective of pre-accession and candidate countries. Special attention will be given to the future of the automotive and agro-food industries in the region.
- Technology foresight panels, presenting best practices in developing and applying technology foresight for strategic decision-making and will serve as a platform for building common visions to face future challenges and opportunities for strategic industrial production chains in the region.
- Biotechnology prospective forum, which addresses the highlight area of the Summit 2003, aims to help governmental and industrial decision makers to acquire an overview of future challenges and opportunities, and promotes interactivity among key biotechnology players with a view to shaping their future in the context of the Central and Eastern European region.
- Fair of the Future, where chief executive officers (CEOs) and industrial decision makers from the field of biotechnology will present their visions on the industry-led future trends and perspectives and their views on the technology development of their respective industries.

The Summit will offer the participants a possibility to up-date information on trends and opportunities in technology-based business, as well as to build relationships and networks with top-leaders from Governments, industry and research communities.

For further details please refer to the attached booklet and agenda or visit www.unido.org/tfsummit2003

Your application to attend is kindly invited. Easy ways to apply:

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