

# 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the UN Interagency Task Team on STI for the SDGs (IATT)

From the SDG Summit to the [STI Forum](#) and the Summit of the Future



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# SDG Summit as a turning point

- All analysis heading into the Summit warned of a **world on the brink of breakdown** where business as usual is not an option and only 15 % of SDG targets are on track to be achieved.
- Leaders responded with commitments to accelerate action for SDG implementation with an **ambitious and forward-looking political declaration** that recognized barriers to progress.
- Agreement included strong and far-reaching commitments on **financing** for the SDGs; pledges to **strengthen data systems** and **close divides in science**, technology and innovation.
- Global Sustainable Development Report underscored the **power of science to accelerate** necessary transformations.



# Closing STI gaps and using science for policy is a focus in the Political Declaration

## **Political declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly**

(q) We commit to bridging the science, technology and innovation divides and the responsible use of science, technology, and innovation as drivers of sustainable development and to build the capacities necessary for sustainable transformations. We reiterate the need to accelerate the transfer of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries on favourable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed. We will take action to enhance the ability of developing countries to benefit from science, technology, and innovation and address the major structural impediments to accessing new and emerging technologies including through scaling up the use of open science, affordable and open-source technology, research and development, including through strengthened partnerships. We aim to increase funding for SDG-related research and innovation and build capacity in all regions to contribute to and benefit from this research. We will seek to better realize the benefits and address the challenges of artificial intelligence. We undertake to increase the use of science and scientific evidence in policymaking.

# SDG Action Weekend – Mobilizing Partnerships

**First ever SDG Action Weekend** - Building inclusive partnerships and multisectoral collaborations that have the power to unlock resources and enhance the effectiveness, transparency and ownership of strategies directed towards SDG implementation.

<https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships>



- **SDG Mobilization Day** engaged over 3,000 stakeholders including women, youth, civil society, the private sector, scientists, local and regional governments and others.
- **SDG Acceleration Day** focused on accelerating action through 12 High-Impact Initiatives including 6 key transitions which complement the entry points for transformation in the GSDR.



## Ninth Multi-stakeholder Forum on STI for the SDGs



- Scheduled **9-10 May 2024** in Trusteeship Council Chamber
- Convened by the President of ECOSOC H.E. Ms. Paula Narváez (Chile) who will appoint two co-chairs.
- Theme will be **“Science, technology and innovation for reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”** based on the theme of 2024 High-level political forum on sustainable development.
- SDGs under review at 2024 HLPF include:
  - SDG 1** – No poverty
  - SDG 2** – Zero hunger
  - SDG 13** – Climate action
  - SDG 16** – Peace, justice and strong institutions
  - SDG 17** – Partnerships for the Goals





## Context of the STI Forum



- First STI Forum following the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda
- Falls several months before the Summit of the Future
- Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States to be held in May 2024
- Third UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries to be held in June 2024

# The Summit of the Future

*Our Common Agenda* called for a Summit of the Future to forge a new global consensus on multilateral solutions to current and future problems.

The Summit will build on the SDG Summit and is scheduled to take place in September 2024.

MS agreed that the outcome will be an intergovernmentally negotiated, action-oriented Pact for the Future.

Germany and Namibia will co-facilitate the negotiation of the Pact which is to comprise five chapters on:

- Sustainable development and financing for development
- International peace and security
- **Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation**
- Youth and future generations
- Transforming global governance.



# Pact of the Future– Agreed Elements

## Chapter 3: Science, Technology and Innovation and Digital Cooperation

(xiii) Promoting the responsible use of science, technology and innovation, including through inclusive scientific cooperation, to realize their benefits and address their possible challenges and bridge gaps, among and within countries, and facilitate voluntary technology transfer on mutually agreed terms to developing countries, as well as enhanced capacity-building;

(xiv) Strengthening all aspects of global digital cooperation and bridging digital divides, through an open and inclusive process, building on the work being done in existing processes and fora in the United Nations and on the contributions of relevant stakeholders, through the elaboration of a Global Digital Compact, to be intergovernmentally negotiated during the 78th session of the General Assembly and which would be annexed to the Pact if intergovernmentally agreed;



## **SDG Summit and Summit of the Future Resources**

SDG Summit Political Declaration:

<https://www.un.org/en/conferences/SDGSummit2023/political-declaration>

Summit of the Future: <https://www.un.org/en/common-agenda/summit-of-the-future>

Preparatory Process:

Overview of 11 OCA Policy Briefs:

<https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/our-common-agenda-policy-briefs-a-quick-summary.pdf>

# IATT timeline towards the STI Forum 2024

28 Nov. IATT Meeting  
(kick-off STI Forum  
preparation)

Dec./January

In-depth work begins on the  
agenda, speaker options,  
session notes, special events,  
side events etc. (Co-chairs and  
10-member group in place)

31 Jan-1 Feb. 2024  
(tbc)

Preparatory workshop for the  
STI Forum: 10MG and IATT

Feb./Mar 2024  
Deadline for  
submission of inputs

15 - 19 April  
CSTD 2024

March-April  
MS and stakeholder  
briefings and  
consultations

9-10 May  
STI Forum

<https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2024>