United Nations Call for Science-Policy Briefs and Case Studies for the Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs 2024

Deadline for abstracts is 16 February and for full draft submissions is 10 March 2024

The UN Interagency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (IATT) is calling upon scientists, engineers, economists, policy analysts, and UN staff experts to contribute **science-policy briefs on science and technology issues that they would like to bring to the attention of policy and decision makers.** The briefs will provide background knowledge to inform discussions at the ***Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals*** **(STI Forum)**, to be held at UN Headquarters in New York from 9 to 10 May 2024. They will also provide perspectives of scientists, engineers and innovators to the *High-level Political Forum (HLPF)* in July and the *UN Summit of the Future* in September 2024.

The theme for the STI Forum 2024 is: "**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**". It will include a focus on **SDG 1** (End poverty in all its forms everywhere), **SDG 2** (End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture), **SDG 13** (Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts), **SDG 16** (Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels), and **SDG 17** (Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development).

Themes: We are looking for substantive contributions in either one of the following areas on issues that you would like to bring to the attention of policy makers. Please indicate the track that you want to contribute to.

Track	Theme	What we are looking for
1	**Rapidly emerging frontier technologies and emerging science issues and sustainable development**	Here we look for **science-policy briefs** on rapidly emerging science and technologies that progress so fast and have such broad-ranging socio-economic and environmental impacts that they pose serious challenges for societies and institutions to adapt. Examples include - but are not necessarily limited to - highly interdependent, emerging technology clusters in the areas of automation, robotics, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, nanomaterials, and various digital technologies. We encourage you to report on your scientific and technological findings and propose policy action.
2	**Lessons for improving the science-policy-society interfaces**	Here we look for **science-policy briefs** reporting on assessments of what has worked and what hasn't in the context of science-policy advice and explores innovative solutions for better science-policy-society interfaces. Contributions can also address important related issues, such as science diplomacy, public trust in science and R&D support, and proposals for science and tech policy and cooperation.
3	**Technology futures, scenarios and roadmaps for 2030 and beyond**	Here we look for **science-policy briefs** on findings of prospective and anticipatory assessments, their lessons for the future, and policy implications. The contributions will typically relate to technology futures, scenarios and roadmaps for sustainable development, in anticipation of the UN Summit of the Future. They can also suggest strategic visions and STI milestones and performance targets for 2030 and beyond.
4	**STI solutions to accelerate progress for SDGs in focus at the HLPF**	Here we look for **case studies** on specific science, technology and innovation solutions to address SDG 1 (poverty), SDG 2 (hunger), SDG13 (climate), SDG16 (institutions), or SDG17 (partnerships) including to generate synergies with other Goals or Targets and to manage current and future trade-offs.
5	**Cases to illustrate national STI policy to address SDG implementation challenges**	Here we look for **case studies at the national level illustrating policy, technology or partnership innovations that have effectively enabled STI solutions to scale up or better align with SDG challenges. Contributions based on the experiences of Small Island Developing States, Least Developed Countries, or Land-Locked Developing Countries are most encouraged.**

Format: We are looking for **concise contributions of around 1,600 words** (excluding references and Annexes). **All contributions shall comprise a brief abstract, an outline of empirical facts and issues, and policy recommendations.** Depending on the tracks outlined above, we look for science-policy briefs (tracks 1, 2 and 3) or case studies (tracks 4 and 5).

Authorship will be fully acknowledged. The contributions would ideally be grounded in peer-reviewed literature. They would be quantitative comprising tables, figures or infographics, as appropriate. Samples of the science-policy briefs from a previous year are available here.

Submissions will be peer-reviewed. Upon review and acceptance, individual contributions will be posted on the UN Website as standalone briefs and considered for inclusion in UN and IATT reports. With your submission, you also permit us to use and consider your submissions for other UN system reports and presentations.

Timeline: We are looking forward to your submissions to roehrl@un.org, freire@un.org, and arthur.magromachado@unctad.org. Abstracts (~200-400 words) and expressions of interest are due by 16 Feb. 2024 and full contributions (1,600 words) by 10 March 2024. Late submissions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.