DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER FORUM ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION FOR THE SDGS (STI FORUM) 2024

EST	*side events – subject to resource and capacity*	*OFFICIAL STI FORUM DAYS* ***Theme: 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***	
	Wednesday 8 May	**Thursday 9 May**	**Friday 10 May**
8:00 - 10:00		Virtual and off-site side events	Virtual and off-site side events
10:00 – 13:00	Side events (tbc)	**10:00 – 10:40** **Welcome and opening** Welcome by President of ECOSOC, Moderated fireside chat between the Secretary-General (tbc) and keynote speakers on AI and climate, Perspectives on STI at the UN GA by the President of the General Assembly (tbc) **10:40 – 12:00** **Ministerial session: Harnessing science and technology for the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions** Co-Chairs of the Forum Under-Secretary-General of Economic and Social Affairs **12:00 – 13:00** **Thematic session 1: More and more effective funding and capacity for SDG related research and innovation in all regions (SDG17)**	**10:00 - 11:30** **Thematic session 4:** **Building ecosystems for science, technology and innovation to drive economic growth and sustainable development in Small Island Developing States** **11:30 - 13:00** **Thematic session 5: Harnessing the power of digital innovation for sustainable peace and resilience in the context of climate change (SDG 16)**
13:15 – 14:45	Side events (tbc)	Side events, including virtual and off-site side events	Side events, including virtual and off-site side events
15:00 – 18:00	Side events (tbc)	**15:00 – 16:30** **Thematic session 2: Strengthening scientific cooperation, technology and knowledge sharing and accelerating innovation for integrated climate action (SDG13)** **16:30 – 18:00** **Thematic session 3: Bridging the science, technology and innovation divides to eradicate poverty and end hunger** **(SDGs 1 and 2)**	**15:00 – 16:30** **Thematic session 6: Advancing sustainable development with women-centered science and technology solutions** **16:30 – 17:45** **Thematic session 7: STI partnerships for accelerating structural transformation in African countries, Least Developed Countries and Landlocked Developing Countries** **17:45 – 18:00** **Closing remarks**
18:00 – 19:00	Virtual and off-site side events	Virtual and off-site side events	Virtual and off-site side events

Notes:

- The Forum will have two strategic thematic areas of focus on realizing the benefits and addressing the challenges of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and climate change. The discussions will be mainstreamed across the programme.
- Panels will be balanced by expertise, region, gender and age.
- Official sessions will be fully in person. Side events can be either fully in-person, hybrid or fully online.
- Thematic sessions would relate to the theme of the 2024 HLPF and consider how STI can contribute to progress in the SDGs under review at the HLPF this year including SDGs 1 – no poverty, 2 – zero hunger, 13 – climate action, 16 – peace, justice, and strong institutions, and 17 – partnerships and means of implementation. Additionally, the thematic sessions may consider cross-cutting issues such as gender and STI, emerging and digital technologies, STI roadmaps, and youth. The context of the upcoming fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4), the third UN Conference on Land Locked Developing Countries, and the Summit of the Future in addition to other high-level events may also inform the focus of thematic sessions.
- Exhibitions, special events and side events can be organized during the STI Forum to further draw attention to important thematic topics.