

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
GOALS FORUM – STI FORUM
STAKEHOLDERS ONLINE BRIEFING**

6 April 2021, 8:30AM – 9:45 AM (New York Time)

Concept Note and Agenda

5 April 2021

BACKGROUND

The “[Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs](#)” (STI Forum) was created by UN Member States as part of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), reflecting their belief that STI solutions will be central to any meaningful progress toward making the SDGs a reality. The first annual two-day Forum was held in 2016, and the event has been growing in size and scope since then.

The STI Forum is a unique UN platform for debate, discussion and creation around STI for the SDGs. It attracts global participation from Ministers and other policy makers at all levels, private sector leaders, civil society representatives and the science and technological community. The formal programme features a series of thematic panel discussions, and it is enriched by informal side events and exhibitions organized by governments and other partners to share their expertise and views. The Forum results in a summary presenting the key takeaways and recommendations from the formal discussions as well as the side events.

SIXTH ANNUAL STI FORUM (2021)

The sixth annual STI Forum will be held 4 to 5 May 2021. The President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), H.E. Mr. Munir Akram of Pakistan, has appointed H.E. Mr. Andrejs Pildegovičs, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations, and H. E. Mr. Mohammad Koba Ambassador, Charge d’Affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, to act as co-chairs of the Forum and to guide its preparations.

Reflecting the theme of the 2021 HLPF, the theme of the 2021 STI Forum is: “Science, technology and innovation for a sustainable and resilient COVID-19 recovery, and effective pathways of inclusive action towards the Sustainable Development Goals”

For more information: <https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2021>.

STAKEHOLDERS ONLINE BRIEFING

The STI Forum, as a multi-stakeholder space, will include the participation of stakeholders from a broad range of sectors, including non-governmental organizations, civil society, academic institutions, the scientific community, local and regional governments, the private sector and philanthropic organizations among others.

In this regard, UN DESA, in collaboration with the Co-Chairs of the 6th STI Forum, is organizing an online briefing to share information with stakeholders about the STI Forum, including opportunities for stakeholder participation and contribution.

The online briefing will be held on **6 April 2021, 8:30AM – 9:45AM (New York Time)**.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Registration of all interested stakeholders is open [here](#) by **5 April**. For more details, check [here](#).

DRAFT AGENDA

8:30 – 8:35	<p><u>Welcome Remarks and setting the scene</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee, Chief, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UNDESA
8:35 – 8:50	<p><u>The Sixth Annual STI Forum (2021) – Expectations and Focus</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Andrejs Pildegovičs, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations • H. E. Mr. Mohammad Koba, Ambassador, Charge d’Affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations
8:50 – 9:05	<p><u>Preparations for the Sixth Annual STI Forum (2021) – Agenda, related events and stakeholders participation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee, Chief, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UNDESA
9:05 – 9:25	<p><u>Science, Technology and Innovation for a sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic – Key themes for the 2021 STI Forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Paulo Gadelha, Coordinator of the FIOCRUZ Strategy for the 2030 Agenda, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ/Brazil) - 10-Member Group to support the Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM) • Ms. Marta Galambos - Major Group Children & Youth • Mr. Justin Perrettson - Business and Industry Major Group • Dr. K.N. Gunalan (Guna) – Chair, WFEO UN Relations Committee, Scientific and Technological Community Major Group <p><i>Proposed guiding questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>How can science, technology and innovations support a sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic?</i> - <i>How should the STI Forum 2021 address those issues?</i>
9:25 – 9:40	<u>Questions and Answers</u>
9:40 – 9:45	<u>Closing</u>