



UN STI Forum side event

Inclusive pathways for steering STI for SDGs - evidence, tools and policies

Tuesday 4 May 2021 12.30pm-2.30pm EDT

[Registration](#)

Event description

Billions of dollars are spent every year on STI but our understanding of how this supports the SDGs is limited. The complex relationships between SDGs and the actors involved make it difficult to assess the contribution STI can make.

To accelerate progress and address inequalities in how STI is prioritised, we must unpack this complexity, improve understanding of plural pathways, and steer STI investments to better address the SDGs.

[The STRINGS project](#) is producing an unprecedented mapping of how different areas of STI relate to SDGs, and their complex interlinkages, at the global, national and local level. Using this mapping, we provide evidence and tools to identify pathways to better align STI and the SDGs. Our results will improve understanding of how STI supports the SDGs and provide decision makers and STI users with evidence and tools to steer research and innovation towards the SDGs, across different contexts.

This event will be an opportunity to hear findings and recommendations from our cutting-edge research and experts across the globe. Together with our guest speakers, panellists, and attendees we will explore how policymakers, funders and international organisations can harness the power of STI for SDGs for a sustainable and resilient COVID-19 recovery.

STRINGS is a partnership between the Science Policy Research Unit at the University of Sussex, University College London and the United Nations Development Programme.

Programme and speakers

PART A

12.30pm-12.35pm EDT

Welcome

Prof Andy Stirling, Science Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex

12.35pm-12.45pm EDT

Opening remarks: Advancing Human Development and the Anthropocene- STI and the SDGs

Dr Pedro Conceição, Director, Human Development Report Office, United Nations Development Programme

12.45pm-12.55pm EDT

Keynote talk: The context, challenges and opportunities of aligning STI to SDGs

Prof Susan Cozzens, Professor Emerita in the School of Public Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology

12.55pm-1.10pm EDT

STRINGS' findings and policy provocations: Mapping misalignments and steering STI for SDGs

Dr Tommaso Ciarli, UNU-MERIT and Science Policy Research Unit & **Prof Joanna Chataway**, University College London

1.10pm EDT-1.20pm EDT

Q&A for Part A

1.20pm-1.30pm EDT

Break

PART B

1.30pm-2.15pm EDT

Panel discussion and Q&A: From words to action – practical steps for steering STI to SDGs

Chaired by **Prof Andy Stirling**, Science Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex

Panellists:

- **Dr Glenda Kruss**, Executive Head of the Centre for Science, Technology and Innovation Indicators (CeSTII), Human Sciences Research Council
- **Prof Elisa P. Reis**, Vice-President of the International Science Council, Instituto de Filosofia e Ciências Sociais, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro
- **Dr Falk Schmidt**, Scientific Head of the Coordination Office, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies

2.15pm-2.30pm EDT

Next steps: Global governance for better aligning R&D allocations and STI strategies to the SDGs and Q&A

Prof Sir Geoff Mulgan, University College London

2.30pm EDT
Close of Event