

STI FORUM

Science, Technology & Innovation for
the Sustainable Development Goals

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**“Science, technology and innovation for a sustainable and resilient
COVID-19 recovery, and effective pathways of inclusive action
towards the Sustainable Development Goals”**

**Statement Delivered by the Minister for Environment, Science,
Technology and Innovation.**

Hon. (Dr.) Kwaku Afriyie (MP, Sefwi Wiawso)

**Wednesday 5th May, 2021, 1 pm at the
Sixth Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum**

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

I bring you greetings from the President of the Republic of Ghana; His Excellency President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo Addo and the STI Community in Ghana.

The Theme for this year’s Forum sums up the resilience with which we seek to meet the targets and objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals even in the midst of a global pandemic. Already, Ghana has made significant progress on the STI for SDGs roadmap and the commitment to its implementation is even more compelling for a developing country as ours.

Since assuming Office in March as a Minister, I have been engaging and consulting the Science and Technology stakeholders in Ghana to fashion out effective programmes and projects to accelerate the implementation of Ghana’s Vision on Innovation. This Forum will provide further opportunities for consultations, networking and partnership that will not only make Ghana a passive beneficiary of innovation but also, a very active contributor to innovation.

My Ministry is currently reviewing Ghana's STI policy and formulating a Space Science Policy to keep pace with scientific and technological advancement. I have also commissioned the "**Ghana Decade of Innovation**" Project to transform the Innovation Ecosystem in Ghana.

The dividends of innovation know no boundaries, neither does it discriminate in its beneficiaries. It is therefore my expectation that, by the close of this 2 - day forum, Ghana will become a destination for partnership, cooperation and development.

Thank you.