

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS FORUM – STI FORUM 2022 STAKEHOLDERS ONLINE BRIEFING

1 April 2022, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM EDT (New York Time)

### Concept Note and Agenda

29 March 2022

#### 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 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.

#### SEVENTH ANNUAL STI FORUM (2022)

The [seventh annual STI Forum](#) will be held from **5 to 6 May 2022**. The Forum will be convened by the President of ECOSOC, [H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile](#) who has appointed two co-chairs - [H.E. Mr. Kennedy Godfrey Gastorn](#), Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tanzania to the United Nations, and [H.E. Mr. Sergiy Kyslytsya](#), Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations. As per its mandate, the Forum will be organized by the [UN interagency task team on STI for the SDGs \(IATT\)](#), convened by UN-DESA and UNCTAD, and the [10-Member Group](#) of high-level representatives appointed by the Secretary General.

As in previous years, the theme of the STI Forum will be closely aligned with that of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), to be held from Tuesday, 5 July, to Thursday, 7 July, and from Monday, 11 July, to Friday, 15 July 2022, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, but have an exclusive focus on the role and contributions of science, technology and innovation.

Accordingly, the theme for the STI Forum 2022 will be: “*Science, technology and innovation for building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*”.

For more information: <https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2022>.

#### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM (New York Time/EDT)**.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

All interested stakeholders can register [here](#) by **30 March**. For more details, check [here](#).

## DRAFT AGENDA

9:00 – 9:05	<p><b><u>Welcome Remarks and setting the scene</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Lotta Tahtinen</b>, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, DSDG/UN DESA</li> </ul>
9:05 – 9:15	<p><b><u>The Seventh Annual STI Forum (2022) – Expectations and Focus</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Kennedy Godfrey Gastorn</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tanzania to the United Nations (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Sergiy Kyslytsya</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations. (TBC)</li> </ul>
9:15 – 9:25	<p><b><u>Preparations for the Seventh Annual STI Forum (2022) – Agenda, related events and stakeholder participation</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Richard Alexander Roehrl</b>, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UNDESA</li> </ul>
9:25 – 9:40	<p><b><u>Science, technology and innovation for building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” – Key themes and expectations for the 2022 STI Forum</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Quarraisha Abdool Karim</b>, Co-Chair, 10-Member-Group, Associate Scientific Director, Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research; and Professor, Clinical Epidemiology, Columbia University</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Anita Gurumurthy</b>, Founding member and Executive Director, IT for Change, Bangalore, India.</li> <li>• <b>Dr Mathieu Denis</b>, Acting CEO and Science Director of the International Science Council, Scientific and Technological Community Major Group</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Carolina Rojas</b>, Children and Youth Major Group</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Shea Gopaul</b>, IOE Special Representative to the United Nations, Business and Industry Major Group</li> </ul> <p><i>Proposed guiding questions (4 minutes interventions should address one or all questions below):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>How can Science, technology and innovation support in building back better from COVID-19 while advancing 2030 Agenda implementation?</i></li> <li>- <i>How can the STI stakeholders contribute to foment a more responsive STI4SDGs ecosystem in the coming years?</i></li> <li>- <i>What are the main expectations for the STI Forum 2022?</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>How can stakeholders from different sectors, including the Science and Technology Community, Women, Youth, private sector and innovators fully engage in advancing the STI4SDGs process around the STI Forum?</i></li></ul>
<b>09:40 –09:55</b>	<b><u>Interactive Dialogue</u></b>
<b>09:55 – 10:00</b>	<b><u>Closing</u></b>