



The Seventh Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals

5-6 May 2022

Theme: “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”

Participant Guide

The Seventh Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals ([STI Forum](#)) will be held on Thursday, 5 May and Friday, 6 May 2022 (Pre-event day on 4 May). This year, the Forum will focus on 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.

The STI Forum will be held over a period of two days (5-6 May, with pre-event day on 4 May for side events), comprising an opening and a closing, a Ministerial Session, six Thematic Sessions, three Special Events, as well as several Pre-events and Roundtables. The Forum will also feature a virtual Exhibit and selected Side Events.

The meetings of the Forum (Opening, Closing, Ministerial Session and Thematic Sessions) and the three special events will be held as “hybrid” meetings with the option of both in-person (**Conference Room 2, UNHQ**) and virtual participation (Zoom). The proceedings of these meetings of the STI Forum will be webcast live and on demand on UN Web TV (<http://webtv.un.org>) and the Whova platform, allowing all viewers to follow the proceedings.

All other sessions of the Forum (Pre-events, Roundtables, Exhibit and Side Events) will be fully virtual and be accessible through the [Whova platform](#). (See relevant Whova section below)

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1. [Agenda at a glance](#)

5 May		
Time (EDT)	Session	Format
7:30 am - 8:25 am	Pre-event 1: Accelerating technological solutions for the SDGs - The Global Sustainable Technology & Innovation Community (G-STIC)**	<i>Virtual ONLY</i>
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Pre-event 2: UN system work on STI for the SDGs, including outcomes of regional STI Forums and global thematic conferences**	
10:00 am – 10:40 am	Welcome and Opening	<i>Hybrid</i>
10:40 am – 12:00 pm	Ministerial session: Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs and a sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic	
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Special event 1: Global research cooperation, funding, and partnerships*	
1:15 pm – 2:55 pm	Opening Ceremony for virtual Innovation exhibit and women in STEM – Engagement with innovators and eminent women scientists and engineers**	<i>Virtual ONLY</i>
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Thematic session 1: Science, technology and innovation at the COVID-19 conjuncture	<i>Hybrid</i>
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Thematic session 2: Innovations in education: towards quality access and common good	
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm	Special event 2: Reflections by the 10-Member-Group of High-level Representatives *	

6 May		
Time (EDT)	Session	Format
8:45 am – 9:45 am	Roundtable 1: National science-policy advice **	<i>Virtual ONLY</i>
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Thematic session 3: Global, national and local innovation ecosystems	<i>Hybrid</i>
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Thematic session 4: Global digital public goods, digitalization, artificial intelligence, and connecting the world by 2030	
12:15 pm – 1:15pm	Special event 3: Supporting national capacities and the Partnership in Action for STI4SDG roadmaps *	
1:15 pm – 2:10 pm	Roundtable 2: Emerging science, frontier technologies, and the SDGs – perspectives from UN system and science and technology communities**	<i>Virtual ONLY</i>
2:10 pm – 2:55 pm	Roundtable 3: Science and technology futures and scenarios for the SDGs and beyond: what is possible and what does it take? **	
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Thematic session 5: Emerging carbon dioxide removal technologies for addressing climate change	<i>Hybrid</i>
4:00 pm – 4:25 pm	Ministerial session (continued): Science, technology and innovation for the SDGs and a sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic	
4:25 pm – 4:45 pm	Thematic session 6: Delivering on the SDGs: Next steps for the TFM and its partners	
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Closing session	

Note: *special events and ** other informal sessions (Roundtables, Pre-events, Exhibition opening) will not have interpretation services.

*** Side events will be held on the day prior to the Forum (4 May), as well as on 4-5 May during specific designated times (5-6 May: before 10am, during 12:00 – 1:30pm, or after 6pm, EST). For a full list of side events, please click [here](#) .

2. [Participation of Member States/IGOs/UN agencies](#)

- **In-person participation** (Opening and Closing, Ministerial Session and Thematic Sessions as well as special events)

Venue

The meetings of the Forum will be held in Conference Room 2, United Nations Headquarters.

Two delegates per Member State and one delegate each for other delegations will be allowed in the Conference Room.

The above arrangements are in line with the letter from the Chef de Cabinet of the Secretary-General dated 11 March 2022 addressed to the President of the General Assembly.

- **Virtual Participation** (Opening and Closing, Ministerial session and Thematic Sessions as well as special events)

The meetings of the Forum (Opening and Closing, Ministerial session and Thematic Sessions) will also be held virtually using the Zoom platform with remote simultaneous interpretation in six official languages. The special events will be held using the Zoom platform for virtual participants without interpretation services. The meetings will be livestreamed on UN WebTV with the livestream embedded in the Whova virtual platform.

Only the members of the delegations who intend to speak should log into the Zoom virtual platform. Other members of the delegation may view the proceedings on the webcast ([UN Web TV](#)) or through the Whova virtual event platform (See relevant section below).

Zoom login account required

Please note that all participants should use their Zoom account login to be able to join the Zoom meetings. If you do not have a Zoom login, you may sign up for a free account through the following link: <https://explore.zoom.us/docs/en-us/freesignup.html>

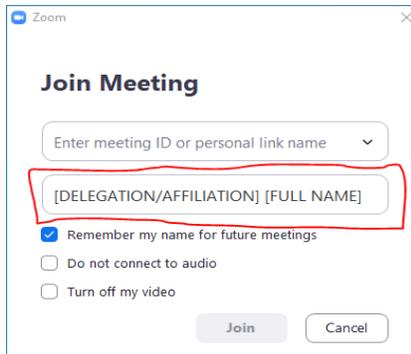
Access to the Zoom virtual platform

The link to the Zoom virtual platform will be made available on the “ECOSOC meetings” page in the e-deleGATE Portal (edelegate.un.int). In e-deleGATE, select “ECOSOC” < “ECOSOC meetings/segments/forums” < “ECOSOC meetings.” From the calendar icon (blue icon), select the relevant date and then click on the link associated with your desired meeting. Since the capacity of the platform is limited, delegates should limit their participation on the platform to 2 delegates at a given time and should not share or forward the link.

Relevant guides about using the virtual platform are included in this document below. Please review the guidance for remote participants and the Zoom guidelines prior to the meetings.

When connecting, delegates will be requested to enter their name. In order to assist the presiding officer in identifying participants on the virtual platform, participants are requested to follow the naming convention:

Please include your delegation/organization/affiliation before your full name as follows:
[DELEGATION/AFFILIATION] [FIRST NAME] [LAST NAME].



Zoom

Join Meeting

Enter meeting ID or personal link name

[DELEGATION/AFFILIATION] [FULL NAME]

Remember my name for future meetings

Do not connect to audio

Turn off my video

Join Cancel

Failure to use the above name designation may impact access to the platform and ability to speak in the discussions.

Familiarization “onboarding” sessions

All virtual participants who intend to take the floor during the meetings are strongly encouraged to join the virtual platform up to one hour in advance of the start time of the meeting in order to confirm that their connection is working properly.

For further guidance on the use of the Zoom platform, please find below some useful links:

- Joining a Zoom Meeting
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193>
- Using the interface including the different functions, tools and features:
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/200941109>
- Host-and-co-host-and participant controls-in-a-meeting:
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362603>
- Role definitions along with the attributes:
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360040324512>
- Sharing content, including videos:
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362153>
- Post meeting resources:
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us>

INSCRIPTIONS TO DELIVER A STATEMENT AT THE MINISTERIAL SESSION on STI and COVID-19 recovery (5 MAY, 10:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EDT)

Delegations whose Ministers wish to express an interest to speak during the Ministerial Session should register through the e-speakers module on the e-delegate portal (edelegate.un.int). **Inscription will open on Monday, 4 April at 10 a.m., and will close on Monday, 25 April, at 5 p.m (EDT).** Delegations will be asked to confirm whether the delivery of the statements will be in-person, virtually live **or by pre-recorded video**. In order to hear as many statements as possible within the limited time available, a time limit of **three minutes** per statement will be strictly implemented. A provisional list of Ministers that have expressed an interest in speaking during the Ministerial Session will be circulated prior to the opening of the Forum.

Delegations not delivering a statement at the Ministerial Session, including those represented below the Ministerial level, may choose to submit written statements to Ms. Riina Jussila (jussila@un.org) with copy to Mr. Ernesto Araiza (araiza@un.org) for posting on the STI Forum’s website.

Virtual (pre-recorded) statements

Requests to deliver pre-recorded statements at the Ministerial Session through the e-speakers module must be made **by Monday, 25 April 2022, at 5 p.m. (EDT)**.

Submission of pre-recorded videos for the Ministerial Session on STI and COVID-19 recovery

The **deadline for the submission of a pre-recorded video for the Ministerial Session is by Thursday, 28 April 2022**. For technical reasons, it will not be possible to accommodate requests to submit a pre-recorded video for the segment that are received after 28 April 2022.

Those delegations that indicate their preference to submit a ***pre-recorded video*** in their inscription on e-speakers will be provided with a dedicated link to upload the video file. The video file should be uploaded **by 28 April 2022** or as soon as possible after receiving the link from the Secretariat via email in order to ensure that technical arrangements are completed to display the video at the meeting. Delegations will also be asked to share the contact information of the technical focal point at their mission. **Video files received must adhere to the time limit of 3 minutes.**

Regarding video file specifications, standard video file formats (.MOV, MPEG-4) are acceptable with HD resolution of 1920x1080 or 1280x720pixels in an aspect ratio of 16:9.

Please use the following name convention: [\[STI\]_\[DATE\]_\[Presenter_Name\].\[file_ext\]](#)

All delegations submitting a pre-recorded video or delivering a statement at the Ministerial Session are requested to provide a written text of the statement (preferably in Microsoft Word, as well as in PDF format) by email to estatements@un.org well in advance of the meeting, but no later than two hours before delivery. The email should indicate the title and date of the meeting, and the name and delegation of the speaker.

HOW TO MAKE INTERVENTIONS DURING THE INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS

There will be **no advance inscription for participation in the interactive discussions** to be held on 5 and 6 May 2022.

Requests to speak during the interactive discussions should be made after the floor has been opened for a particular discussion by pressing the button on the microphone console for in-person participants and through the dedicated online speaker form to be shared in the chat board of the platform for virtual participants.

Interventions should be limited to 3 minutes or less. The time limit will be strictly implemented, including through the muting of microphones once the time limit is reached.

IMPORTANT

Written copies of all statements delivered in the STI Forum should be sent to estatements@un.org at least two hours in advance of delivery in order to ensure proper interpretation. Interpretation for statements not sent in advance may be impacted or suspended given the additional difficulties related to remote simultaneous interpretation. Statements submitted to estatements@un.org will be available in the entry for the relevant meeting in the UN Journal (<https://journal.un.org>).

Remarks that are in the form of talking points or drafts may be submitted to IS-UNHQ: is-unhq@un.org. Remarks sent to the IS email address will not be published or shared.

To enable accurate interpretation, please ensure the speaker speaks clearly and at a moderate pace. Please click [here](#) to view the required set up for virtual participants in meetings with interpretation.

WHOVA VIRTUAL EVENT PLATFORM

The 7th STI Forum will also be hosted on the Whova virtual event platform, which provides all registered participants with access to the livestream of all meetings, special events, pre-events, roundtables, side events and exhibit taking place during the STI Forum.

Delegations wishing to access the Whova platform are invited to register and then create a Whova account using the same email used for event registration. (Registration is now open [here](#).) Registered participants can access the STI Forum virtually either via a desktop web browser (Chrome recommended) or using the free Whova Mobile App downloadable in the App Store on your Apple device or in Google Play on your Android device (click [here](#) to sign up on the Whova web app or download the app).

For more information about the Whova online event platform, please refer to the [Whova guide](#) or watch this [tutorial video](#) for attendees. If you experience any technical issues, please contact the 24/7 Whova support at support@whova.com.)

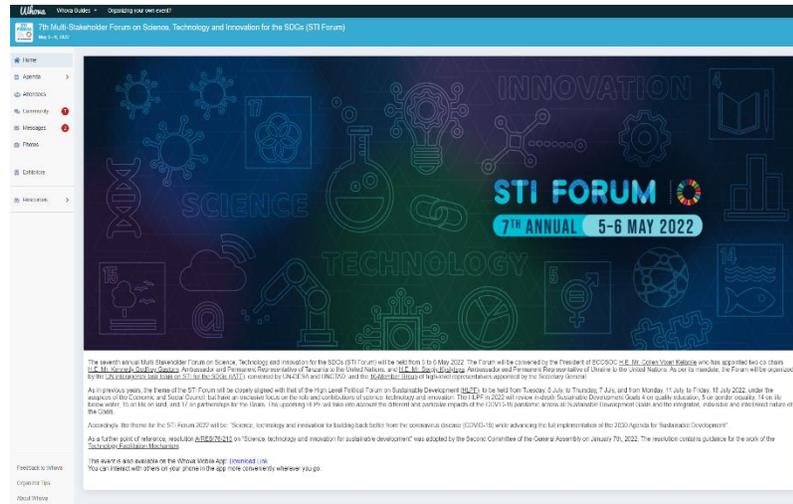
3. [Participation of Science, Technology and Innovation \(STI\) stakeholders](#)

Representatives of all other STI stakeholders who wish to attend the STI Forum are required to register on the Whova event platform (Registration is now open [here](#)) to access the 7th STI Forum. The meetings (opening/closing, Ministerial session and Thematic sessions) and special events will be live streamed both on [UN WebTV](#) and the Whova platform. All other meetings (Roundtables, pre-events, exhibit, and side events) will only be available on the Whova platform.

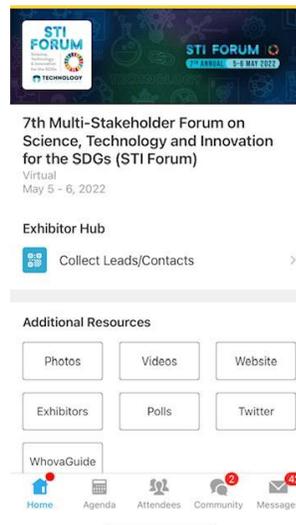
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Web:



Mobile:



A selected number of stakeholder representatives will be able to make interventions at the meetings of the Forum. Information about how to apply for speaking slots will be shared with stakeholders who have registered on Whova event platform in the lead up to the STI Forum.

4. Participation of media

Journalists can follow the STI Forum (meetings, special events, pre-events, roundtables, exhibit, and side events) on the Whova event platform (Registration is now open [here](#)). For meetings (opening/closing, Ministerial session and Thematic sessions) and special events, it is also possible to follow via webcast directly ([UN Web TV](#)).

5. General inquiries

For more information, please visit the STI Forum website: <https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2022>

For questions relating to the programme, please contact Mr. Richard A Roehrl (roehrl@un.org) and Mr. Wei Liu (liuw@un.org).

For virtual participation through the Whova platform, please contact Meng Li (li39@un.org); Yunxiao Long (longy@un.org); Lineke Schrijver (lineke.schrijver@un.org); Marie Sophie Mayer (marie.mayer@un.org); and Eliana Riggi (eliana.riggi@un.org).

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