



HLPF 2022 Side event

UN-Interagency Task Team (IATT)'s perspectives on Capacity-Building in Science, Technology and Innovation for Achieving the SDGs

Organized by UN-IATT Workstream 6 on Capacity-Building

Date and Time: 6 July at 7:30 – 9:00 Eastern NY time / 13:30 – 15:00 CEST

Venue: Virtual Meeting on MS Teams

Registration Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/2jWKqyy2DP>

Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda¹ highlight the importance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policies and actions for achieving the SDGs and launched the [Technology Facilitation Mechanism \(TFM\)](#) to support the implementation of these activities. The [UN Interagency Task Team on STI for SDGs \(IATT\)](#) is one of the several mechanisms to operationalize TFM.

Created in 2017, the **IATT's Work Stream 6 (IATT WS6)** on Capacity-Building in STI for SDGs has a mandate to build policy capacities in STI for the SDGs, particularly in developing countries. The goal is to strengthen capacities of policy-makers, public service experts and key STI stakeholders by helping them to keep abreast of most current approaches to STI policy design, and to enhance their ability to mobilize STI as part of strategies to achieve the SDGs.

Over four years, the IATT team designed and delivered training workshops and webinars covering all aspects of the STI policy cycle. More than 500 STI policymakers and stakeholders from more than 90 countries attended these sessions, and more will be organized in the second half of 2022.

Objectives

The proposed side event will discuss major policy-making gaps around STI policy for the SDGs and will illustrate the importance of partnerships and collaborations to strengthen capacities and overcome such gaps. The event will also update participants on recent and forthcoming work of the IATT WS6, including technical materials developed by the work stream, such as a recently published brochure on *Science, Technology and Innovation for Achieving the SDGs: Guidelines for Policy Formulation*. The meeting will also be an occasion to seek new partnerships and to hear the views of development partners and government officials on their expectations and recommendations for the future work of IATT WS6.

More specifically, participants will engage in conversation on:

- The global landscape to STI policy capacity building initiatives and their transformative value for the SDGs;

¹ https://www.un.org/esa/ffd/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/AAAA_Outcome.pdf

- How the IATT has framed its programme within the broader landscape;
- The comprehensive capacity development program prepared by the IATT-WS6, its trainings and materials on various aspects of policymaking on STI for the SDGs.; and
- Ongoing partnerships and how they help to cater to the needs of policy makers at distinct levels of government across developing regions.

The session intends to allocate substantive time to interact with the audience.

Structure

The session will last 1:30 hour and be structured into three parts:

1. The first part will focus on the **global landscape for capacity-building** and will discuss with partner agencies the needs and gaps in policy capacities;
2. The second part will update on the **joint work and trainings** of the IATT WS6, including ongoing partnerships and collaboration involving UN and non-UN organizations: and
3. Finally, a discussion with participants from educational institutions will share **views and recommendations** for the future of the programme and its potential partnerships.

Participation

The virtual event is directed to the development partners and organisations working or interested in supporting initiatives in building capacity in STI for the SDGs, as well as Member States and stakeholders who will follow the discussion on STI in this year's HLPF. The event will also welcome potential partners willing to support the work on capacity building in STI for SDGs

DRAFT AGENDA	
13:30-13:35	Welcome and opening remarks
13:35-14:00	Global landscape of capacity building, needs and gaps in STI policy-making for the SDGs 1) Rasigan Maharajh, Chief Director, Institute for Economic Research on Innovation, Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa 2) Alesandro Belo, member of the Technical Assistance Unit to the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), OACPS Research & Innovation Programme 3) Magnus Brod, Advisor, German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), Sector Project Trade and Investment for Sustainable Development 4) John Herrera, students research team leader at the Department for Science, Technology, Engineering and Public Policy, University College London (UK) • Interactive discussion
14:00-14:30	Recent and forthcoming work of the UN-IATT WS6 1) Clovis Freire, Economist, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Section, Division on Technology and Logistics at UNCTAD 2) Fernando Santiago, Industrial Policy Officer at UNIDO 3) Monika Matusiak, Team Leader for Smart Specialisation and Global Outreach, Territorial Development Unit, European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) 4) Angela Sarcina, Economic and Policy Analyst, Territorial Development Unit, European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) • Interactive discussion

14:30-14:55	Partnerships in STI policy capacity building initiatives <u>1)</u> Carlo Pietrobelli, Professor, Dean of the Department of Economics, University Roma Tre, Italy and Professorial Fellow, UNU-MERIT, United Nations University <u>2)</u> Chux Daniels, Director of the Transformative Innovation Policy Consortium (TIPC) Africa Hub at the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU), University of Sussex Business School, UK <u>3)</u> Wilhelmina Quaye, Director of the CSIR-Science and Technology Policy Research Institute, Ghana <u>4)</u> Tom Peter Migun Ogada, Executive Director, African Centre for Technology Studies, Kenya <u>5)</u> Halimatun Hamdan, Chair of the Governing Board of the International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for South-South (ISTIC), Malaysia <u>6)</u> David O'Brien, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre IDRC (Canada) Interactive discussion
14:55-15:00	Closing remarks