



# UN-IATT Workstream 6 on Capacity Building in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for SDGs

## **Recent achievements and upcoming activities**

For the Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on STI for the SDGs

11-13 January 2023, New York

# IATT agencies contributing to the WS6



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## Seven Training workshops and webinars

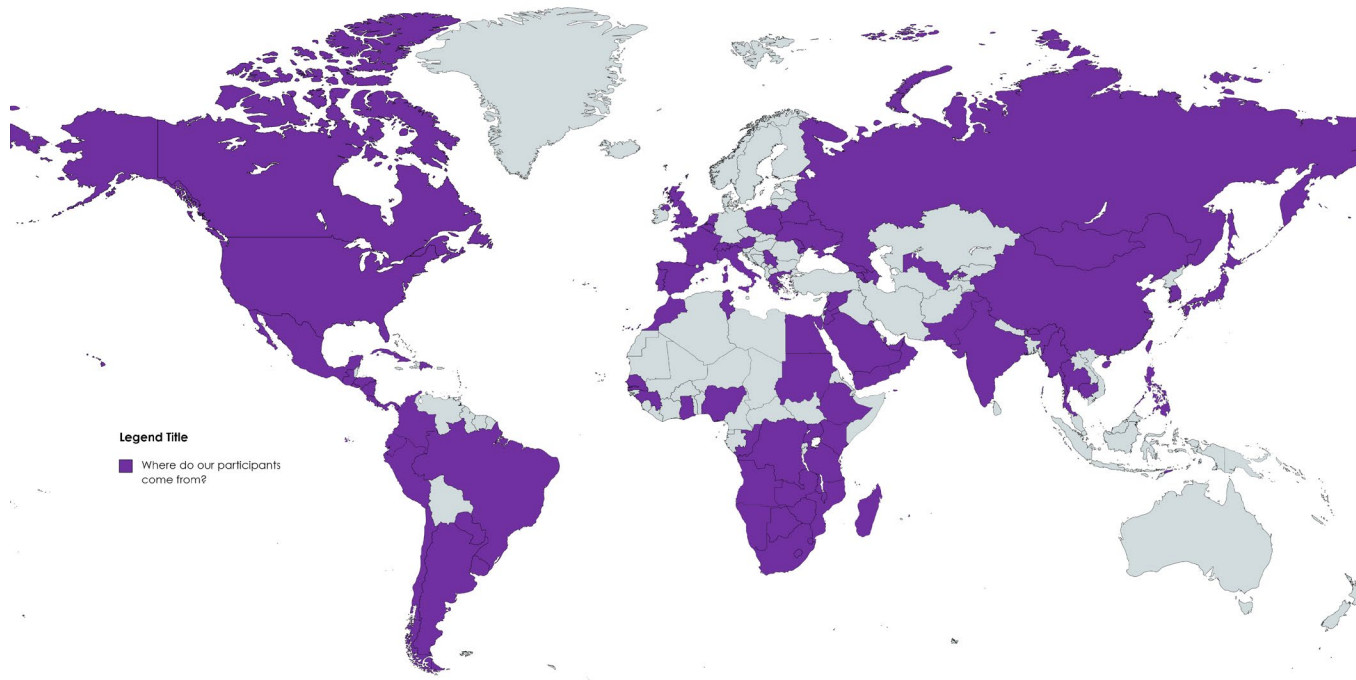
Date	Training workshops	Format	Num of participants
2022 Oct	Online training on STI policy for SDGs for <b>Tunisia and the Arab States</b>	3 sessions, online	91
2021 Dec	Online training on STI Policy for SDGs for the <b>Southern African Development Community (SADC)</b> region	5 sessions, online	74
2021 May	Online training on current approaches to STI policymaking in the context of SDGs targeting <b>Latin American countries - sub-national perspectives</b>	3 sessions, online	186
2021 April	Online training on current approaches to STI policymaking in the context of SDGs targeting <b>Latin American countries</b>	3 sessions, online	109
2020 Nov-Dec	Online <b>international</b> training on STI Policy and Policy Instruments for SDGs	3 sessions, online	70
2019 May	Training on STI policies for the SDGs for <b>Central American and Caribbean countries</b>	3 days, in Panama	22
2018 April	Capacity building course on technology for development: Innovation Policies for SDGs in the <b>Arab region</b>	5 days, in Jordan	31

## Three STI Forum side events & one HLPF side event

- 2021 & 2018 & 2017 STI Forum side event
- 2022 HLPF side event

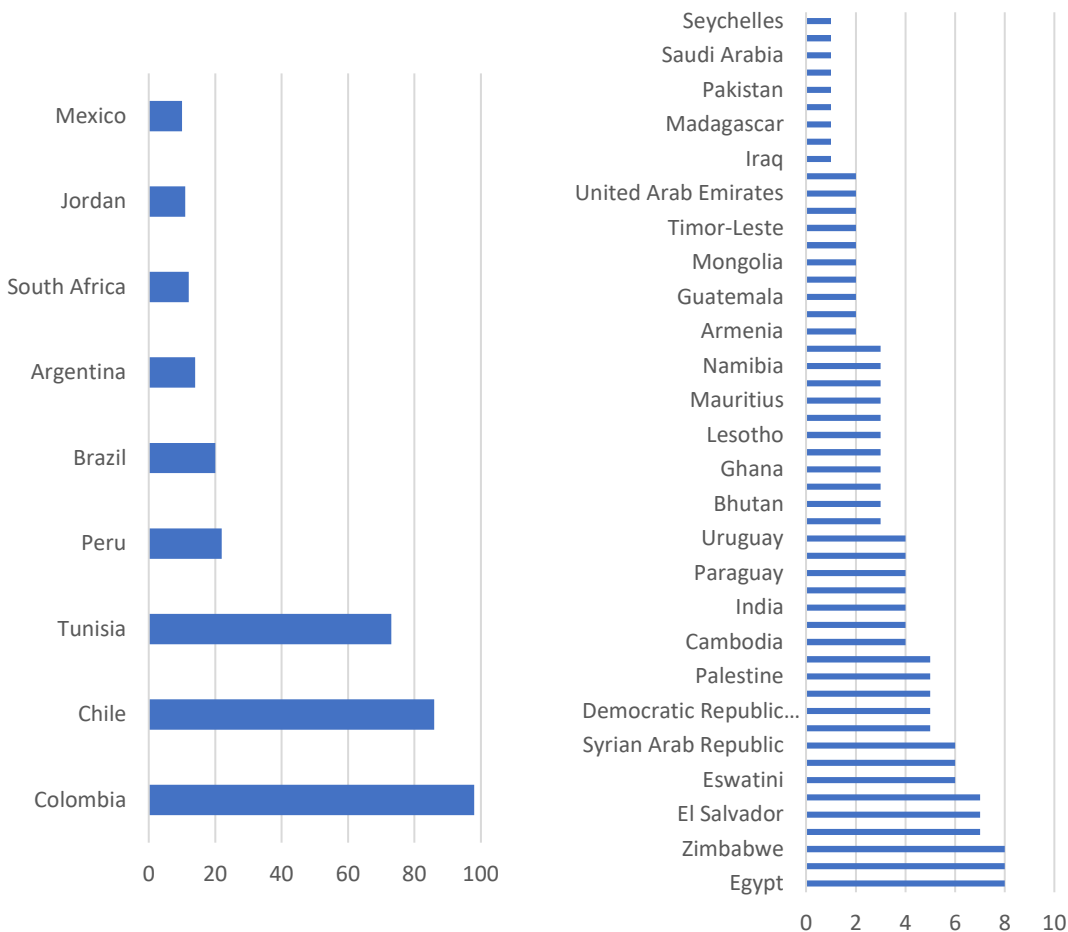
808 participants from 94 countries; 51.6% are female

Where are the participants from?

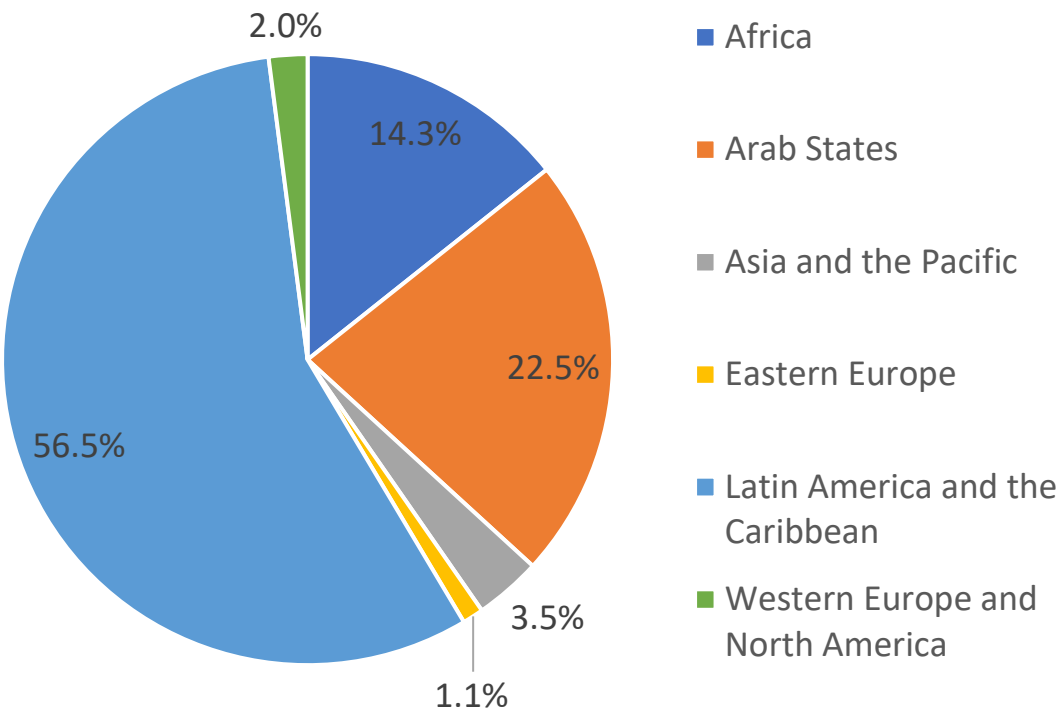


# Figures on the trainings

583 participants from 66 countries, 51.9% are female



Number of participants per country



Region of participants



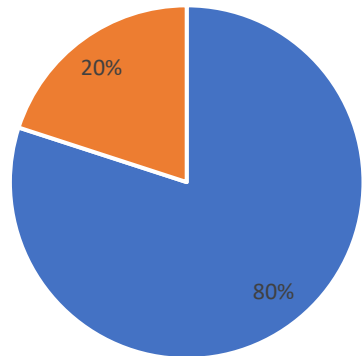
# Online training on STI policy for SDGs for Tunisia and the Arab States

## 18-20 Oct 2022, three sessions

### Partner /Sponsor



91 participants



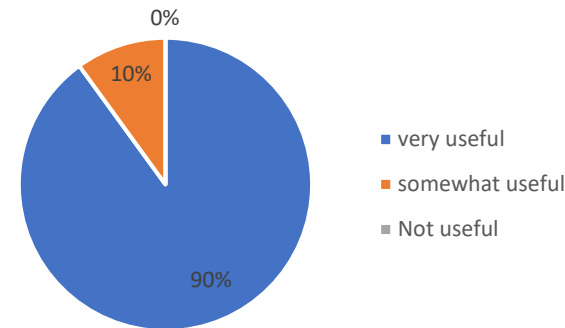
Pakistan, Palestine, Syria, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Kuwait, Jordan and Qatar

■ Tunisia  
■ other Arab States

45% female

55% male

### Evaluation : How useful were the sessions for your work?



### Participants wish to have additional training on:

- Designing STI policies for SDGs action plan
- STI policy-making and implementation
- STI policy monitoring and evaluation
- Innovation management
- STI policy instruments
- Legal framework
- Intellectual property
- Digital transformation
- Science parks for SDGs

### Participants recommended:

- In person training
- More sessions
- Increase inclusion of the audience

Read more : <https://sdgs.un.org/events/un-iattgiz-training-science-technology-and-innovation-sti-policy-sdgs-tunisia-and-arab>

# Online training for the South African Development Community (SADC) region

## 6-10 December 2021, Five sessions



### ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> module of “SADC Training Programme on STI Policy and Governance Systems for High-level STI Officials”

- in partnership with SADC, the UNESCO Chair at the Tshwane University of Technology, and the University of Sussex

### ❖ The IATT training composed of **5 sessions**

- Session 1: Current approaches to STI policy making
- Session 2: STI policy instruments design
- Session 3: Innovation and entrepreneurship
- Session 4: Implementation of STI policy instruments
- Session 5: Monitoring and evaluation of STI policies

### ❖ Attracted **70 STI officials** from 15 African countries

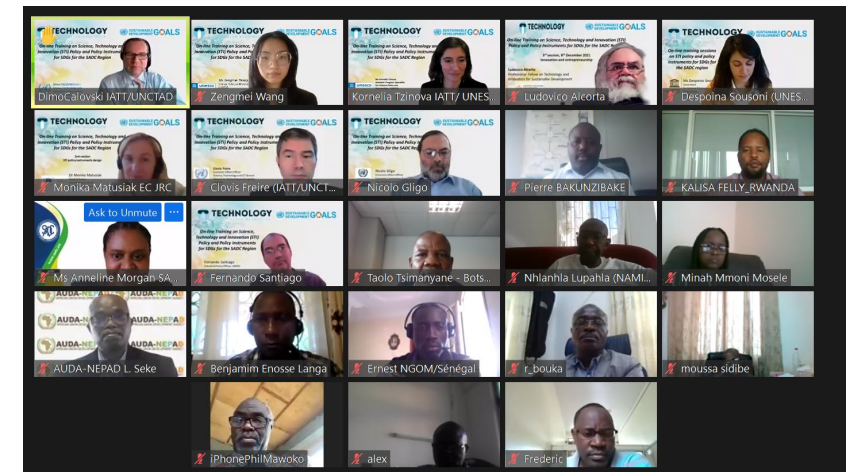
- Angola, Botswana, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia

2. What are the top three SDG priorities of your Government?

Mentimeter



*Interactive exercise*



News on the training: <https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/joint-un-training-sessions-science-technology-and-innovation-policies-policy-makers-sadc-countries>

# Online training on STI policymaking in the context of SDGs for Latin American countries, April-May, 2021



- ✓ Two workshops in Spanish, **3 sessions** each
- ✓ **For national institutions** working on STI policies, and subnational/regional policymakers.
- ✓ **295 participants in total**, 60.3% female



➤ Evaluation carried out following each workshop  
**What topics would you like to explore further in future trainings?**

## **STI policy formulation and monitoring**

- STI policy formulation and instruments
- Mission-oriented policy formulation
- Monitoring of policies and instruments
- Locally contextualised STI policies

## **Innovation and entrepreneurship**

- Science and technology-based social entrepreneurship
- International cooperation in innovation
- Policies to promote innovative entrepreneurship
- Start-up/innovative entrepreneurship policies in provinces/regions

## **Baseline development**

- Design and development of indicators
- Design of impact assessment and creation of baselines

## **Others**

- Open science
- Intellectual property
- Human capital formation
- Formation of Latin American networks
- Management of prototyping projects
- Prioritisation of investment in public administration

Read more: <https://www.cepal.org/es/eventos/taller-capacitacion-america-latina-politicas-instrumentos-politica-ciencia-tecnologia>



# Side Event on STI for SDGs Capacity Building

## STI Forum 2021

4 May 2021, online



➤ near 100 participants : officials from more than 40 countries, partner institutions and UN agencies

➤ Participants of previous training workshops shared experience and gave **recommendation** to IATT WS6



### ❑ Expanding Partnerships

- Pursue **UN collaborations** for future STI policy trainings
- Engage regional entities and commissions for good **contextualization of the course**
- identify potential **donors and funders**
- **Engage academia, youth** and bring new partners into the activities of workstream; **empower students in universities** through contributions to knowledge gaps

### ❑ Scaling up the training

- Increase the reach and deliver the courses to **more countries**
- sustain and allow integration in the UN agencies **regular offers of services to Member States**
- continue **expanding the networks of STI officials** participating in the trainings

### ❑ Enriching training materials

- Increase access to information and offer diverse capacity-building **tools** and materials– **repository** of existing training resources, support materials, webinars, and development of MOO
- Reach a good balance between methodological and practical approaches

# HLPF side event on Capacity-Building in STI for the SDGs

6 July 2022, online



- ❖ Representatives from STI development and cooperation agencies and universities
- ❖ Panelists highlighted STI policy capacity gaps and called for increased **partnerships**
- ❖ The IATT group presented their recent work, upcoming trainings, as well as training materials
- ❖ Views of partners: German International Cooperation Agency (**GIZ**), the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (**OACPS**), International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- ❖ **Universities and Chairs** contributing to joint capacity-building initiatives and tools (University College of London (**UCL**); **ISTIC** – Malaysia; University of Pretoria and UNU Merit – UNESCO Chairs) etc.

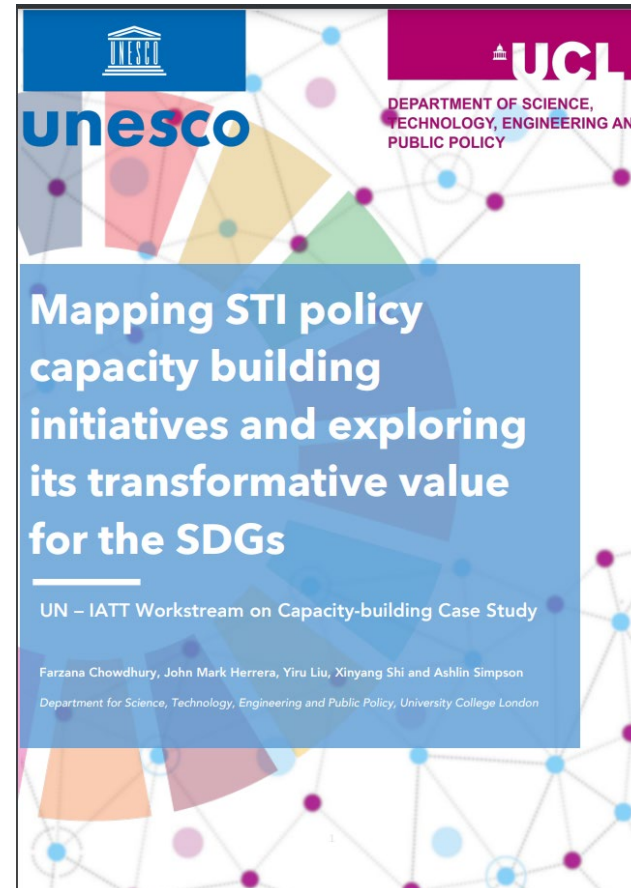


*Panelists sharing views on STI policy capacity building and areas for collaboration*

# Other achievements



IATT Booklet published by UNIDO in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#) and Arabic



UCL - IATT WS6 [case study](#)



Promotional [video](#) for the training



## Session 2 on STI Policy instruments: Design and implementation for SDGs

### Rationale

Session 2 addresses the key **implementation challenges**. This part can address the need for having a well-elaborated set of realistic, yet ambitious, objectives and policy instruments accompanied by solid roadmaps and systemic implementation plans. It can address the role of different types and levels of leadership as well as sound governance structures and effective coordination inter-governmental and public-private mechanisms in ensuring timely and successful policy instruments. Achieving the commitment of all stakeholders involved to ensure implementation runs smoothly is another topic that this session part could examine. The importance of managerial and organizational capabilities could also be examined since, to a very large extent, implementation is about driving available human and financial resources in the desired direction. Whether these human and financial resources are available and how to procure them in the right amounts and qualities is yet another issue that this section could address.

As with the previous part, the presentation of the generic issues will be supported by concrete experiences around the globe drawing on the accumulated knowledge of the different UN agencies involved in WS6.

[Concept note](#)

### Training Materials

1. Designing Technology and Innovation Policy Instruments, [PDF](#)
2. Innovation Calls in Latin America: the immediate STI policy instruments response to Covid-19, [PDF](#)
3. Technology and Innovation Policy Instruments: Implementation Challenges, [PDF](#)
4. Innovation policy instruments design & implementation – evidence from 6 middle income countries

[Interactive exercise-Mentimeter questions and results](#)

### Course Recording

[WS6 webpage](#) uploaded with training materials

# Upcoming activities and trainings 2023



- **Mutual learning exercise and capacity-building workshop for African countries**
  - 14-17 February 2023, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
  - Collaboration with the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States OACPS, ECA and IATT
- **Online Training for Latin American countries**, with ECLAC, end of March 2023
- **Online Training for Asian countries**, tbc with ESCAP
- Training materials, MOOC, videos lectures
- STI FORUM 2023



## Feedbacks from participants:

How do you plan to use in your work the knowledge gained in the sessions?

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🌐 Since Bhutan is yet to have the STI policy as a mother document, the knowledge gained will be very useful....

🌐 We will take this knowledge into account when we design the STI Roadmap for Ukraine

-Participants, 2020 online training

🌐 Toute information m'est très utile vu qu'il s'agit bien de notre corps de métier à comprendre et à chercher comment mettre les instruments au service des ODD

🌐 Dans la préparation des politiques numériques du ministère les années à venir

🌐 Booster l'écosystème des startups et de l'innovation en Tunisie

🌐 Sensibiliser les étudiants aux ODD et orienter leurs solutions IT pour la concrétisation d'ODD spécifiques selon les projets.

-Participants, 2022 online training for Tunisia and the Arab States



# Feedbacks from participants:

## What are your key take away messages?

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la culture du suivi évaluation doit être promu et la synergie des acteurs consolidée.

Learning is an important dimension of M&E

le modèle de Startup Chile est intéressant pour booster l'entrepreneuriat innovant en Afrique

L'écosystème STI est structuré par un bon ME

The Key role of Gov for creating market demand

monitoring - better for agencies to do not only STI Ministries so (without fear) they can ask why some things were not done and advise on what should be done with time frames

-Participants, 2021 and 2022 online sessions

THANK YOU !