



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

**3-4 May 2023**

**Theme: Science, technology, and innovation for accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels**

## **Participant Guide**

The Eighth Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals ([STI Forum](#)) will be held on Wednesday, 3 May and Thursday, 4 May 2023, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. In line with the 2023 theme of the ECOSOC and of the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) convened under the auspices of ECOSOC in July, the Forum will focus on “Science, technology, and innovation for accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels.” Special focus will be given to the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the HLPF, namely SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation; SDG 7 on affordable and clean energy; SDG 9 on industry, innovation and infrastructure; SDG 11 on sustainable cities and communities; and SDG 17 on partnerships for the goals. The Forum will also consider the impact of science, technology and innovation across the entire 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as a contribution to the SDG Summit in September.

The STI Forum will feature an opening and a closing, one Ministerial session, thematic sessions, and special events. The Forum will also feature a virtual Exhibit and side events.

The official meetings of the Forum (opening, closing, Ministerial session and thematic sessions) and the special events will be held in-person at the UNHQ. The official meetings of the STI Forum will be webcast live and on demand on UN Web TV (<http://webtv.un.org>).

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A detailed programme of the STI Forum is available on the Forum website at: <https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2023>

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## **1. Participation of Member States/Observers/UN entities**

### **Official meetings**

The official meetings of the Forum will be held in-person in the Trusteeship Council Chamber (tbc), United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations will be invited to request seating with a nameplate for the official meetings of the Forum in advance through an online form that will be circulated through ECOSOC Announcements in the e-deleGATE portal (members of ECOSOC will have seating pre-arranged and do not need to complete this form). Delegations who do not complete the form may request seating in the room during the official meetings of the Forum.

### **INSCRIPTIONS TO DELIVER A STATEMENT IN THE MINISTERIAL SESSION**

**3 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](http://edelegate.un.int)). **Inscription will open on Monday, 3 April at 10 a.m., and will close on Monday, 24 April, at 5 p.m. (EDT).** 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. Nyu Wang ([nyu.wang@un.org](mailto:nyu.wang@un.org)) with copy to Mr. Ernesto Araiza ([araiza@un.org](mailto:araiza@un.org)) for posting on the 2023 STI Forum's website.

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## HOW TO MAKE INTERVENTIONS DURING THE THEMATIC SESSIONS

There will be **no advance inscription for addressing the interactive thematic sessions** to be held on 3 and 4 May 2023.

Requests to speak during the thematic sessions should be made by pressing the button on the microphone console once the Chairperson has opened the floor.

**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](mailto:estatements@un.org) at least two hours in advance of delivery, indicating the name and date of the meeting and delegation, in order to ensure proper interpretation. Statements submitted to [estatements@un.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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

Representatives of non-governmental organizations and all other STI stakeholders who wish to attend the STI Forum are required to register through a dedicated online platform. Registration will open in Mid-March and details will be posted to the STI Forum webpage.

Interested participants not able to attend the meeting in person will be able to follow the discussions via livestream on [UN WebTV](#).

A selected number of stakeholder representatives will be able to make interventions in the meetings of the Forum. Information about how to apply for speaking slots will be shared by DESA with registered stakeholders in the lead up to the STI Forum.

## 3. [Participation of media](#)

Journalists interested in attending the STI Forum (meetings, special events, pre-events, roundtables, exhibit, and side events) are required to apply for media accreditation by following the instructions [here](#). For meetings (opening/closing, Ministerial session and Thematic sessions) and special events, it is also possible to follow via [UN Web TV](#).

Delegations may register accompanying media (including journalists and official photo/video) through the eRegistration module on the [e-deleGATE](#) portal ([instructions](#)).

For questions relating to the media accreditation, please contact [malu@un.org](mailto:malu@un.org) or +1-212-963-6934.

## 4. [Special Events and Side Events](#)

Several informal special events will be organized before, during or after the two days of the STI Forum.

### Special events

An **STI in Africa Day** will be held in connection with the STI Forum on 2 May at the UN headquarters in New York, with a focus on STI4SDGs: Priority Areas, Levers and Actionable Steps for Africa. More details will be made available on the Forum's website.

A **Global Solutions Summit (GSS)** will be held in the margins of the STI Forum on 5 May in New York. The event will be organized in partnership with the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) and its Affiliate Member, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). More details will be made available on the Forum's website.

### Side events

Side events can be organized in connection with the STI Forum, either in-person or virtually, by Member States, the UN system, Intergovernmental Organizations and accredited nongovernmental stakeholders. The side events will be an opportunity for all participants to share knowledge and solutions to accelerate implementation of science, technology, and innovation, identify new and emerging issues, exchange national and local experiences and practices, and showcase voluntary commitments for the role of STI in achieving Agenda 2030. Side events may be held on the day prior to the Forum (2 May), as well as on the days of the STI Forum itself, during specific designated times (3-4 May: before, after or during the lunch breaks of official meetings of the Forum).

**Submit your side event proposal: [here](#). Deadline for application: 6 March 2023 (5PM, EST).**

For more details on the special events and guidelines on side events, see Forum's website <https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2023>.

## 5. [General inquiries](#)

For more information, please visit the STI Forum website: <https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2023>

For questions relating to the programme, please contact Mr. Richard A Roehrl ([roehrl@un.org](mailto:roehrl@un.org)) and Ms. Riina Jussila ([jussila@un.org](mailto:jussila@un.org)).

For questions relating to the STI in Africa Day Event, please contact Mr. Wei Liu ([liuw@un.org](mailto:liuw@un.org)) and Mr. Victor Konde ([konde@un.org](mailto:konde@un.org)).

For Side Events: please contact Ms. Bayda Alibraim (Email: [bayda.albrahim@un.org](mailto:bayda.albrahim@un.org)) and Ms. Nora Boudghene (Email: [nora.boudghene@un.org](mailto:nora.boudghene@un.org)), copy to [STIforum2023@un.org](mailto:STIforum2023@un.org)