

First meeting of the 10-Member-Group, Virtual, 06:30-8:30 am EST, 9 February 2024

Group of Ten High-level Representatives of Civil Society, Private Sector and Scientific Community to Promote Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (10-Member-Group)

Introduction

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Agenda for today

| Time (EST) | Item | Duration |
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| 06:30 - 06:40 | Opening, welcome and introduction | 10 min. |
| 06:40 - 07:40 | Tour de table and looking ahead | 60 min. |
| 07:40 - 07:45 | Break | 5 min. |
| 07:45 - 08:20 | STI Forum and 10-Member-Group meeting (New York, 8-10 May) – update and initial suggestions | 35 min. |
| 08:20 - 08:25 | Proposed timeline | 5 min. |
| 08:25 - 08:30 | Conclusion | 5 min. |



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“We the peoples of the United Nations determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war...”

- Integrated approach to great global issues
- Changing role of scientists & engineers
- Dual-use





Bringing UN closer to the pulse of scientific and technological progress



47 UN entities, 100+ expert staff volunteers, 10-work streams

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UNITED NATIONS INTERAGENCY TASK TEAM ON STI FOR THE SDGS (IATT)

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MULTI-STAKEHOLDER FORUM ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION FOR THE SDGS (STI FORUM)

1,000s of stakeholders have been involved, with many related events.



appointed by SG every two years

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10-MEMBER GROUP TO SUPPORT THE TECHNOLOGY FACILITATION MECHANISM

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ONLINE PLATFORM (2030 Connect) - GATEWAY FOR INFORMATION ON EXISTING STI INITIATIVES, MECHANISMS AND PROGRAMS



Single entry point to STI solutions and information by many partners

→ A new one-UN, multi-stakeholder way of working

10-Member-Group – terms of reference

- Nominated by Governments and STI stakeholders
- Appointed by the Secretary-General for 2024 to 2025
- Personal capacity, not as representatives
- No remuneration (but UN travel support)
- Meetings typically closed (alumni sometimes invited)
- Scope: science, technology and innovation for the SDGs
- Advisory group but also direct engagement and initiatives

Working methods

- Two co-chairs appointed by the Secretary-General  
- Minimum two meetings per year (typical: monthly calls, two face-to-face)
- Decisions by consensus (can be majority voting)
- Submit a report (in 2025) and/or produce written materials
- “Secretary” supports you in organization and substantive terms

10-Member-Group – terms of reference (continued)

Purpose and Tasks (*advise and engage!*)

- Substantive leadership role for the STI Forum: science-policy briefs, speakers, events, recommendations, events, follow-up
- Support the online platform and related knowledge sharing
- Advise the Technology Facilitation Mechanism. Example: “TFM findings” on the wider impacts of rapid technology change.
- Possibility to engage in IATT work streams (STI4SDG roadmaps, capacity building, gender and STI, frontier science and tech).
- Recommend and advise on technology solutions and partnerships, and more broadly on STI4SDGs
- Advice and inputs to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, and relevant UN fora, as requested
- Exchange views/inputs with the Independent Group of Scientists and other SG and UN expert groups, upon request

Example: Proposals by the last 10-Member-Group

Six proposals:

- a) Sustainability Science and Technology Cooperation Package for the SDGs
- b) Building the next generation Web 3.0 distributed system for all by 2027
- c) Capacity building on generative AI for the SDGs
- d) One-UN programme on digitalization in support of developing countries
- e) CDR Fund and market creation
- f) Proposal F: Funding global public good

11 Specific recommendations (see their report)

Questions

- Which most burning issues would we like to put on the UN agenda this year?
- What do you want to have achieved by the end of 2025 – individually and as a Group?
- How do we know we have had success?

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|  | <p>Mr. Carlos Henrique Brito Cruz OBE (Brazil), Senior Vice-President, Research Networks, Elsevier (co-chair).</p> |  | <p>Ms. Catherine Ngila (Kenya), Executive Director, African Foundation for Women & Youth in Education, Sciences, Technology and Innovation, Kenya; former Executive Director, African Academy of Sciences.</p> |
|  | <p>Ms. Joyeeta Gupta (Netherlands citizen and overseas citizen of India), Professor of Environment and Development, Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Amsterdam; and Professor on Sustainability, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education (co-chair).</p> |  | <p>Ms. Motoko Kotani (Japan), Executive Vice President for Research, Professor and Principal Investigator, Advanced Institute for Materials Research & Mathematics Institute, Tohoku University, Japan, and Vice President, International Science Council.</p> |
|  | <p>Mr. Keywan Riahi (Austria), Program Director, Energy, Climate, and Environment Programme, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria.</p> |  | <p>Mr. Magnus Andersson (Sweden), Associate Professor of Economic Geography, Department for Urban Studies, Malmö University, Sweden</p> |
|  | <p>Ms. Aree Moon (Republic of Korea), President, Korea Foundation for Women in Science, Engineering and Technology; and Vice President, The Korean Academy of Science and Technology</p> |  | <p>Mr. Vladimir Crnojević (Serbia), Founder and Director of BioSense Institute; Professor in Computer Science, University of Novi Sad, Serbia.</p> |
|  | <p>Mr. Xavier Estico (Seychelles), Founder of the Seychelles Centre for Innovation, and Sustainable Development, Seychelles.</p> |  | <p>Ms. Karen Scrivener (UK), Professor, Laboratory of Construction Materials, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland; founder Nanocem.</p> |