



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

**9-10 May 2024**

**Theme: Science, technology and innovation for reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions**

## **Participant Guide**

The Ninth Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals ([STI Forum](#)) will be held on Thursday, 9 May and Friday, 10 May 2024, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Forum will be convened by the President of ECOSOC, [Her Excellency Paula Narváez](#), and the meetings of the Forum will be co-chaired by [Her Excellency Christina Markus Lassen](#), Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, and [Her Excellency Inga Rhonda King](#), Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations. As per its mandate, the Forum is prepared by the [UN interagency task team on STI for the SDGs \(IATT\)](#), convened by UN DESA and UNCTAD, and the [10-Member Group of High-Level Representatives](#) of Civil Society, Private Sector and Scientific Community to support the UN Technology Facilitation Mechanism appointed by the Secretary-General.

In line with the 2024 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 reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions.” Special focus will be given to the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the HLPF, namely Goal 1 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere; Goal 2 - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture; Goal 13 - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts; Goal 16 - Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and

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build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and Goal 17 - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development. The Forum will also consider how science, technology and innovation can be harnessed to accelerate progress across the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development following from the SDG Summit political declaration in 2023, and to help prepare for the Summit of the Future in September 2024.

The STI Forum will feature stage-setting opening and closing sessions, one Ministerial session, thematic sessions, and special events. Related side events and related activities will also be organized.

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

A detailed programme of the STI Forum will be available on the Forum website at: <https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2024>

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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, United Nations Headquarters.

All staff of Ministries and government agencies who intend to participate in the Forum in person should contact their country's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, to be included in their national delegation to the Forum. The missions will arrange for the appropriate action for access badges to the UN premises. For inclusion in the list of participants for the 2024 session of ECOSOC, the composition of delegations needs to be submitted by Permanent Missions through the e-list of participants module in the e-deleGATE portal.

Registration for official meetings at UN Headquarters for the purpose of issuing grounds passes is processed by the UN Protocol and Liaison Service via the online system "eRegistration" available through the eDelegate Portal at <https://edelegate.un.int/>. Authorized users of the permanent missions

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may follow the “eRegistration” guidelines, which can be found at <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings>, to submit requests for registration of members of delegations to temporary meetings.

In order to be assigned a seat and nameplate in advance of the meetings of the STI Forum to be held on Thursday 9 May and Friday, 10 May 2024 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, States NOT members of the Economic and Social Council, as well as observers/intergovernmental organizations and UN entities are requested to confirm their interest in attending by completing the following online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/ss6gs4S6rp>. The deadline to complete the form is **Tuesday, 30 April at 5 p.m.** Members of ECOSOC should not complete the form as their seats will be assigned in the Chamber.

### **INSCRIPTIONS TO DELIVER A STATEMENT IN THE MINISTERIAL SESSION 9 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 is open from Monday, 8 April at 10 a.m., to Monday, 29 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 Mr. Arthur De La Cruz ([delacruz@un.org](mailto:delacruz@un.org)) with copy to Ms. Cynthia Shi ([chuanmeng.shi@un.org](mailto:chuanmeng.shi@un.org)) for posting on the 2024 STI Forum website.

### **HOW TO MAKE INTERVENTIONS DURING THE THEMATIC SESSIONS**

There will be **no advance inscription for addressing the interactive thematic sessions** to be held on 9 and 10 May 2024.

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 on a dedicated platform. For more detailed information about registration for representatives of non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, please see: <https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2024#stakeholders>

Please note that all registered participants shall be responsible for making their own travel arrangements (visa, transportation, accommodation, etc.) and related costs, as applicable.

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

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 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. 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 successful practices to accelerate the implementation of science, technology, and innovation solutions for the SDGs, 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.

For more details on the guidelines on side events and their draft programs, see the Forum's website [https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2024#side\\_events](https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2024#side_events).

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## 5. General inquiries

For more information, please visit the STI Forum website: <https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2024>

For questions relating to the programme, please contact Mr. Wei Liu ([liuw@un.org](mailto:liuw@un.org)) and Ms. Stephanie Rambler ([rambler@un.org](mailto:rambler@un.org)).

For questions related to side events, please contact Ms. Meng Li ([li39@un.org](mailto:li39@un.org)) and Ms. Nadine Salame ([salame1@un.org](mailto:salame1@un.org)).