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SIDE EVENTS PROGRAMME

8 MAY - 10 MAY 2024

IN-PERSON, UNHQ

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Event ID	Date	Time	Room	Side Event Title	Organizing Partners	Event Description
HQ-01	8-May-24	10:00-11:15	CR-11	Harnessing the STI Coalitions for Africa—a mechanism for stronger partnership to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals	South Africa, Ghana, Ethiopia, and Morocco together with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), Future Earth	The STI Coalition for Africa that was formed as a Global Partnership initiative will share experiences that must be explored to ensure scalable international action on STI for the SDGs in Africa. (Website Contact)
HQ-02	8-May-24	10:00-11:15	CR-F	STI Forum Hackathon (TBC)	Major Group of Children and Youth, UNDESA	
HQ-03	8-May-24	11:30-12:45	CR-11	Leveraging technology and innovation to enhance the response to emergencies and humanitarian challenges	Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, the Republic of Austria, World Food Programme (WFP), Web Advanced Space Developer Interface (WASDI)	The side-event will showcase how innovation and technology can be leveraged in humanitarian contexts, drawing on examples in the areas of earth observation, health technologies, and data governance. (Website Contact)
HQ-04	8-May-24	11:30-12:45	CR-F	Science in Times of Crisis: Protecting Scientific Resources and Using the UNESCO Open Science Framework for Sharing Data and Knowledge in Times of Crisis	UNESCO, CODATA, International Science Council, UNESCO-CODATA Working Group on Data Policy for Times of Crisis Facilitated by Open Science	The event focuses on new approaches to safeguard science and its practitioners during crises situations while reflecting on new developments in mobilizing science and sharing data in times of crisis. (Website Contact)
HQ-05	8-May-24	13:15-14:30	CR-11	Youth-led Innovation: Ensuring good food for all, today and tomorrow	FAO, World Food Forum, UNIDO, Extreme Tech Challenge (XTC)	This event highlights the importance of engaging global youth in STI, showcasing young scientists, innovators and presenting opportunities for youth to transform agrifood systems and achieve the SDGs. (Website Contact)
HQ-22	8-May-24	13:15-14:30	CR-12	AI for Good Lab	ITU, Slalom Element Lab, and UNDESA	The Lab will offer the UN community in New York hands-on experience of engaging with some cutting-edge AI applications, including ones already in use by UN entities. (Website Contact)

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HQ-07	8-May-24	15:00-16:15	CR-11	Digital Transformation and Digital Social Innovation for SDGs: Highlighting Asia-Pacific Regional Practices	1) Science and Technology Policy Institute (STEPI), Republic of Korea, 2) UNESCO Regional Office for East Asia, 3) Science Technology Engineering & Innovation Policy Asia and the Pacific Network (STEPAN)	Highlighting Asia-Pacific Regional Practices in Digital Transformation and Digital Social Innovation for SDGs. (Website Contact)
HQ-08	8-May-24	15:00-16:15	CR-F	Exploring Youth Innovation in Higher Education: the case of SDG 13 and SDG 17 in Italy	United Nations Youth Delegate Programme of Italy; World Food Forum; University for SDGs	The Side Event seeks to highlight the interconnected nature of Climate Action and the Partnerships for the Goals through cases of youth-led innovation in Italy's higher education sector. (Website Contact)
HQ-09	8-May-24	16:45-18:00	CR-11	Inaccessibility to Science: Paywalls Restricting Youth Access	UN Major Group for Children and Youth Science Policy Interface (SPI) Platform	Panel discussion on the accessibility of publicly funded research, advocating for open access as a means to democratize knowledge and facilitate a more inclusive scientific dialogue. (Website Contact)
HQ-10	8-May-24	16:45-18:00	CR-F	Innovating Humanitarian Relief: Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for Sustainable Impact (TBC)	Children and Youth International, SDSN Youth, Engineering for Change	
HQ-11	9-May-24	13:15-14:30	CR-11	Making AI possible for all through pooling resources and regional collaboration	Indonesia – Libya – Dominican Republic – Tajikistan – Bahrain – St. Lucia and Blockchain Alliance International (BAI)	Open dialogue on various trajectories for pursuing AI development policy and pooling the necessary resources of data, talent, and computing power to build AI ecosystems. (Website Contact)
HQ-12	9-May-24	13:15-14:30	CR-12	Leveraging STI Solutions as an Enabler for Achieving SDG4	Permanent Mission of Armenia to the UN	The side event will discuss the challenges and opportunities of science, technology and innovation (STI) in advancing education. (Website Contact)
HQ-13	9-May-24	13:15-14:30	CR-9	Launch of Report on Women in STEM and Higher Education in 9 Countries in Southern Africa	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education (IESALC)	This is the launch of the report on Women in STEM and Higher Education in 9 countries in Southern Africa. (Website Contact)

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HQ-14	9-May-24	13:15-14:30	CR-F	International Decade of Science for Sustainable Development: 2024-2033: Power of Technology for Sustainable Development	Government of the Republic of Serbia and UNESCO	Unlocking the Potential: Harnessing Technology for Sustainable Development - Exploring the Role of the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (IDSSD) 2024-2033. (Website Contact)
HQ-15	9-May-24	13:15-14:30	TRI	Better Leveraging Science, Technology, Innovation and Engineering for Accelerating Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals	World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) and International Science Council (ISC)	Better Leveraging Science, Technology, Innovation and Engineering for Accelerating Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (Website Contact)
HQ-16	10-May-24	13:15-14:30	CR-11	Bridging the Global AI Gap: Navigating Generative AI in Developing Regions	ITU and IEEE	This event aims to address the global gap in navigating GenAI, focusing on facilitating a comprehensive dialogue on its potential for inclusion and examining its impact across sectors & societal strata. (Website Contact)
HQ-17	10-May-24	13:15-14:30	CR-9	Presentation and Roundtable Discussion on UNCTAD Data for Development Report	UNCTAD	This side-event, featuring UNCTAD's Data for Development Report, aims to explore the potential and pitfalls of data for sustainable development and global data governance. (Website Contact)
HQ-18	10-May-24	13:15-14:30	CR-E	SDG Acceleration: The Global Digital Compact and the Potential of Digital Commons	Office of the SG's Envoy on Technology, UNDP, OICT	The event delves into how the GDC can serve as a cornerstone for accelerating progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by fostering an environment for the growth of digital commons. (Website Contact)
HQ-19	10-May-24	13:15-14:30	CR-12	Tajikistan experience: the importance of creating scientific and industrial technoparks using existing raw materials	Permanent Mission of Tajikistan to the UN and UNIDO	High-level side event entitled "Tajikistan experience: the importance of creating scientific and industrial technoparks using existing raw materials" (Website Contact)
HQ-20	10-May-24	13:15-14:30	TRI	Unpacking the potential of STI for enhancing agricultural productivity in LDCs and LLDCs	Permanent Mission of Finland to the UN, Permanent Mission of Nepal to the UN, UN-OHRLLS, Technology Bank for LDCs	The event will explore how to harness STI, including digitalization, to foster structural transformation and sustainable development in LDCs and LLDCs, with a focus on agriculture and agro-processing. (Website Contact)

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