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Conference Room 6, UN Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Programme of Work

Time		Programme
Tuesday, Oct. 08 2024	9:00-9:30	Welcome and registration
	9:30-10:00	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Wei Liu (Mr.), Coordinator, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</p> <p>Welcome remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ramiz Alakbarov (Mr.), Assistant Secretary-General, UN Resident Coordinator for Ethiopia • Mr. Robert Lisinge, OiC, Technology, Innovation, Connectivity and Infrastructure Development Division (TICID), UN ECA <p>Keynotes: Prof. Chakanetsa Mavhunga, MIT, Visiting Professor, Dedan Kimathy University of Technology, Nairobi, Kenya</p> <p>Ms. Motoko Kotani, UN SG’s10-Member Group, Professor, Tohoku University, Japan, and Vice President, International Science Council</p>

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10:00-10:45	<p>High-level Segment: STI Policy and investment for advancing the SDGs towards National and Regional Strategic Blueprints for Advancing STI</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. John Mugabe, Professor of Science and Innovation Policy at the University of Pretoria’s Graduate School of Technology Management (GSTM), South Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Yeshurun Alemayehu, State Minister of Innovation and Technology and Digital Economy, Ethiopia • Her Excellency Leslie Olivia, Irish Ambassador to Ethiopia • Mr. Yacoub El-Hillo, Regional Director, UN Development Coordination Office (DCO) Africa • Prof. Saidou Madouguo, Director of Department of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, African Union • Ms. Rita Bissoonauth, Director of UNESCO Addis Ababa Office <p>(Group photo – outside UN Conference Centre)</p>
10:45-11:00	Coffee/tea break

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11:00 – 12:30	<p>Thematic Session 1: Overview and mapping exercise to understand the landscape of skills, capacities and activities related to STI Roadmaps</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Victor Konde, STI4SDGs Focal Point, Scientific Affairs Officer, UN ECA</p> <p>Keynote introduction: Dr. Farai Kapfudzaruwa, Research and Strategic Partnerships Manager at Future Africa, University of Pretoria, South Africa</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Gong Ke, Head of the Task Force for Strategic African Programs, World Federation of Engineering Organizations • Professor P. Kioni, Vice Chancellor of Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) in Nyeri, Kenya (virtual) • Mr. Eric Agyei, Planning Analyst for National Development Planning Commission, Ghana <p>Lead discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Jane Chinkusu, Director, Science and Technology Department, Ministry of Technology and Science, Zambia • Mr. Jonathan Kemp, Program Specialist with Engineering for Change (E4C) and with the Engineering Global Development department at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Malawi (virtual)
12:30-14:30	Lunch

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14:00-15:30	<p>Thematic Session 2: Deep dive of challenge led STI4SDG Roadmaps</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Habtamu Abera Goshu, Chief Executive Officer, the National Research Development, Ministry of Innovation and Technology, Research Grant Council (RGC) Secretary, Ethiopia</p> <p>Keynote introduction: Dr. Angela Sarcina (Ms.), STI for SDGs Project Leader, EC/JRC Joint Research Centre, European Commission (EC/JRC) (virtual)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Motoko Kotani, UN SG’s10-Member Group, Professor, Tohoku University, Japan, and Vice President, ISC • Dr. Mario Cervantes, Senior Economist, Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy, Science and Technology Policy Division, Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD (virtual) • Prof Walter O. Oyawa, Director General/CEO, National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI), Kenya • Prof. Sun Zhongchang, Head, Cooperation & Development Office, International Research Center of Big Data for Sustainable Development Goals (CBAS) • Ms. Priscilla Kolibea Mante, Co-Chair, Global Young Academy, Germany, & Associate Professor, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana <p>Lead discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Solomon Getachew Mekonnen, Technology Authority General Director, Chairman of the Policy Drafting Committee and a member of the Strategy Drafting Committee, Ethiopia

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15:30-15:45	Tea/coffee Break
15:45-17:00	<p>Thematic Session 3: UN Project on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for Integrated Climate Action for Small Island Developing States (SIDS)</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Xavier Estico (Mr.), Founder of the Seychelles Centre for Innovation, and Sustainable Development; SG’s 10 Member Group, Seychelles</p> <p>Keynote introduction: Ms. Portela de Souza, UN Resident Coordinator for Cabo Verde (virtual)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Anya Ihsan Thomas, Sustainable Development Officer, SIDS Unit, DSDG, DESA (virtual) • Mr. Antonio Palazuelos Prieto, SIDS Expert, UN ECA (virtual) • Prof. Dhanjay Jhurry, Managing Director of Uniciti Education Hub, Mauritius • Dr. Yu Chen, Associate Professor, International Research Center of Big Data for Sustainable Development Goals, CBAS <p>Lead discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Adilson Semedo, Deputy Director for Planning and M&E, Ministry of Finance, Cabo Verde • Mr. Agostinho Moisés, National Director for Strategic Planning, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Guinea Bissau • Mr. Cedney Vicente Vaz d’Almeida, Expert, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Sao Tome and the Principe (virtual) • Mr. Jurgen Gafke, Senior Programme Management Officer, DSDG, DESA (virtual)

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	17:30-19:00	<p>Evening reception</p> <p>Hosted by Her Excellency Leslie Olivia, Irish Ambassador to Ethiopia at the Irish Embassy. Facilitated by Mr. Declan Kirrane, Managing Director, Africa-Europe Science Collaboration and Innovation Platform (AERAP) (by Invitation only)</p>
Wednesday Oct. 09, 2024	9:00-10:30	<p>Thematic Session 4: The evolution of science systems as a prerequisite for the six transitions</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Chakanetsa Mavhunga, MIT, Visiting Professor, Dedan Kimathy University of Technology, Nairobi, Kenya</p> <p>Keynote introduction: Dr. Vanessa McBride (Ms), Science Director, International Science Council</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Gretchen Kalonji (Ms), Special Adviser, CBAS, former Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences at UNESCO • Ms. Kgomotso Matjila, Senior Policy Analyst, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa • Ms. Adem Blen Bedru, Policy Assistant for Research and Innovation, EU Delegation to the African Union • Dr. Solomon Benor Belay, AGRA Flagship Program Coordinator, and Senior Advisor at the Ministry of Agriculture, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia <p>Lead discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nancy Wangari, Projects Development Engineer at CSI Energy Group, Mauritius • Prof. Mirjana Pović (Ms.), Ethiopian Space Science and Technology Institute, the inaugural laureate of the Nature - Estée Lauder Inspiring Science Award

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10:45-12:30	<p>Thematic Session 5: Voluntary funding models on STI for the SDGs, STI Policy Instruments and Capacity Building in support of national implementation of the STI Roadmaps</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Manuel Ricardo Galindo Moreno, Expert, the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Section of UNESCO, Paris</p> <p>Keynote introduction: Mr. Declan Kirrane, Managing Director, Africa-Europe Science Collaboration and Innovation Platform (AERAP), ISC Intelligence, Brussel, Belgium</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Eugene Mutimura, Executive Director, National Science and Technology Council, Rwanda • Prof. Jian Zhang, Vice President of Institute of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Tsinghua University, and Deputy Secretary-General of Global Alliance of Universities on Climate, China • Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, Editor, South Asia Economic Journal, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India • Dr. Dickson Andala, CEO, Kenya National Research Fund, Nairobi, Kenya <p>Lead discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mezang Akamba, Minister Plenipotentiary First Counselor, Cameroon Permanent Mission to the United Nations • Mr. Solomon Getachew Mekonnen, Technology Authority General Director, Chairman of the Policy Drafting Committee and a member of the Strategy Drafting Committee, Ethiopia
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14:30-15:30	<p>Thematic Session 6: Towards STI Agenda in National Development Planning with UN Development System Support</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Masheleni Hambani, UNESCO Liaison Office, Addis Ababa</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ramiz Alakbarov (Mr.), Assistant Secretary-General, Resident Coordinator for Ethiopia • Ms. Marta Cali, Senior Advisor, Joint SDG Fund, United Nations (virtual) • Mr. Julius Chokerah, Chief Economist, UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Kenya (virtual) • Mr. Derrick Muneene, Unit Head, Capacity Building and Collaboration, Digital Health and Innovation Department, World Health Organization • Ms. Asel Abdurakhmanova, UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework Partnerships and Programme Officer, UN Development Cooperation Office (DCO) Africa <p>Lead discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Domingos Neto, Associate Professor, the Agostinho Neto University, Consultant, the Angola Node of the Southern African Science Service Centre for Climate Change and Adaptive Land Management (SASSCAL), former State Secretary (Deputy Minister) for Science, Technology and Innovation (2017 - 2022), Angola • Mr. Wondwossen Belete, President of Society for Technology Studies, National coordinator of African Technology Policy Studies Network, STI Consultant, Ethiopia • Ms. Monica Nogara, Chief of Programme Development, Capacity, Development Programme Management Office (CDPMO), DESA (virtual)

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15:30-15:45	Tea/coffee Break
15:45 – 17:00	<p>Closing Session 7: Closing and the way forward - regional networks and other mechanisms for promoting multi-stakeholder approach with localized STI4SDGs and bottom-up community inputs</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Victor Konde, STI4SDGs Focal Point, Scientific Affairs Officer, ECA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Xavier Estico, Founder of the Seychelles Centre for Innovation, and Sustainable Development; SG's 10 Member Group, Seychelles • Mr. Arif Neky, Senior Advisor, UN Strategic Partnerships Founding Coordinator - SDG Partnership Platform, Kenya Office of the UN Resident Coordinator (virtual) • Mr. Mezang Akamba, Minister Plenipotentiary First Counselor, Cameroon Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Cameroon • Prof. Gong Ke, Head of the Task Force for Strategic African Programs, World Federation of Engineering Organizations <p>Closing Remarks: Dr. Astra Bonini (Ms.), Chief, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (virtual)</p>