



[United Nations Call for Science-Policy Briefs for the Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs 2025](#)
Deadline for abstracts is 4 February and for full draft submissions is 10 March 2025

The UN Interagency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (IATT) is calling upon scientists, engineers, economists, policy analysts, and UN staff experts to contribute **science-policy briefs on science and technology issues that they would like to bring to the attention of policy and decision makers**. The briefs will provide background knowledge to inform discussions at the [Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals \(STI Forum\)](#), to be held at UN Headquarters in New York from 7 to 8 May 2025, with additional side events on 6 May. They will also provide perspectives of scientists, engineers and innovators to the *High-level Political Forum (HLPF)* in July 2025 and on the follow-up to science and technology elements in the [Pact for the Future, including its global digital compact and declaration on future generations](#), adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2024.

The theme for the STI Forum 2025 is: “**Advancing sustainable, inclusive, and evidence-based, science and technology solutions and innovations for the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs for leaving no one behind**”. It will include a focus on [SDG 3](#) (Ensure health and well-being for all), [SDG 5](#) (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), [SDG 8](#) (Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all), [SDG 14](#) (Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development), and [SDG 17](#) (Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development).

Themes: We are looking for substantive contributions in the following areas on issues that you would like to bring to the attention of policy makers. Please indicate the track and the SDGs that you want to contribute to.

Track	Theme	What we are looking for
1	Rapidly emerging frontier technologies and emerging science issues and sustainable development	Here we look for science-policy briefs on rapidly emerging science and technologies that progress so fast and have such broad-ranging socio-economic and environmental impacts that they pose serious challenges for societies and institutions to adapt. At the same time, they offer great potential for sustainable development through a myriad of applications. Examples include - but are not necessarily limited to - highly interdependent, emerging technology clusters in the areas of automation, robotics, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, nanomaterials, quantum technologies, and various digital technologies. We encourage you to report on your scientific and technological findings and propose policy action aligned with sustainable development.
2	High-impact solutions for achieving the SDGs, in particular SDGs 3, 5, 8, 14 and 17.	Here we look for science-policy briefs on high-impact STI solutions for achieving the SDGs. Contributions are welcome on all the SDGs, but we are particularly welcoming contributions related to this year’s in-focus SDGs on health (SDG3), gender (SDG5), economic growth and employment (SDG8), oceans (SDG14), and means of implementation (SDG17).
3	Lessons for improving the science-policy-society interfaces	Here we look for science-policy briefs reporting on assessments of what has worked and what hasn’t in the context of science-policy advice and exploring innovative solutions for better science-policy-society interfaces. Contributions can also address important related issues, such as science diplomacy, public trust in science and R&D support, increasing STI accessibility, and proposals for science and tech policy and cooperation.
4	Science & technology futures, foresight, scenarios and roadmaps for 2030 and beyond	Here we look for science-policy briefs on findings of prospective and anticipatory assessments, their lessons for the future, and policy implications. The contributions will typically relate to science & technology futures, foresight, scenarios and roadmaps for sustainable development, in line with the follow-up to the Pact for the Future. They can also suggest strategic visions and STI milestones for 2030 and beyond.

Format: We are looking for **concise contributions of around 1,600 words** (excluding references and Annexes). **All contributions shall comprise a brief abstract, an outline of empirical facts and issues, and policy recommendations.**

Authorship will be fully acknowledged. The contributions would ideally be grounded in peer-reviewed literature. They would be quantitative comprising tables, figures or infographics, as appropriate. Samples of the science-policy briefs from a previous year are available [here](#).

Submissions will be peer-reviewed. Upon review and acceptance, individual contributions will typically be posted on the UN Website as standalone briefs and considered for inclusion in UN and IATT reports. With your submission, you also permit us to use and consider your submissions for other UN system reports and presentations. Posting your contribution on the UN Website does not imply an endorsement by the UN Secretariat which reserves the right to decide which briefs to feature at an appropriate time.

Timeline: We are looking forward to your submissions to roehrl@un.org. Abstracts (~200-400 words) and expressions of interest are due by **4 Feb. 2025** and full contributions (around 1,600 words) by **10 March 2025**. Late submissions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.