



**UN IATT Webinar Series on the Joint SDG Fund**

**Tuesday 11 February 2025, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**At the margin of the Third PrepCom Session of the 4th International Conference on  
Financing for Development (FfD4)**

**Agenda**

**Moderator:** Wei Liu, Sustainable Development Officer and IATT Coordinator, UN DESA

**1. Welcome and introduction**

Astra Bonini, Chief of Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA

**2. Overall context: the Joint SDG Fund and SDG acceleration, from the Pact for the Future to the Financing for Development Forum**

Lisa Kubriel, Director Joint SDG Fund

**3. Joint SDG Fund's Digital Portfolio: country examples**

Nenad Rava, Head of Programme, Joint SDG Fund

**4. Q&A Session**

○ Lead Discussants:

- Alex Wong, Senior Advisor, Executive Office, ITU
- Laura Hildebrandt, Digital Transformation Implementation Specialist, UNDP (tbc)

○ Open Discussion – all IATT members

**5. Closing and next steps**

Angel González Sanz, Head of Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

## Guiding Questions

Following questions aim to stimulate meaningful discussion and align with the goals of showcasing the Fund's impact, exploring collaboration opportunities, and identifying actionable recommendations for the future.

### 1. General Context

- How is the Joint SDG Fund positioned to serve as an instrument for the implementation of the Pact for the Future and the Digital Global Compact?

### 2. Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) for SDGs

- In what ways can STI be effectively utilized to accelerate progress on SDGs 3, 5, 8, and 17, particularly in developing countries?
- What are some concrete examples of how the UN system is supporting the application of STI towards SDG acceleration at country level?
- How does the Fund's work on digital transformation contribute to fostering resilient food systems, transparent public services, and socioeconomic growth?

### 3. Challenges and Opportunities

- What are the primary challenges in deploying STI at the country level, particularly in LDCs and LLDCs, and how can these be mitigated?
- How can UN entities working on STI can collaborate to respond to the need for enhanced country level capacity in this area.
- How can funding models for STI be innovated to address financial gaps while ensuring alignment with national SDG strategies?

### 4. Collaboration and Partnerships

- How does the Joint SDG Fund enhance collaboration among UN IATT to leverage their collective strengths for STI integration in SDGs?
- What strategies can strengthen partnerships between governments, the private sector, and international organizations to maximize the impact of STI on sustainable development?

### 5. Future Directions

- How can the outcomes of the Joint SDG Fund's initiatives inform discussions at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4)?