Global Ministerial Dialogue on Science Diplomacy (25-26 March 2025)

UN IATT 34th Coordination Meeting

5 February 2025



UNESCO's historical approach in Science Diplomacy

 Using science cooperation to improve international relations between countries



• Facilitating international science cooperation



Informing policy with scientific data and advice



Why renewed emphasis on science diplomacy?

Complex and multifaceted global context today:

Shifting Global Landscape

- Geopolitical tensions
- Rapid technological advances
- Competition over shared resources
- Growing focus on national security risks undermining openness and solidarity.

Rise of Non-State Actors

Subnational governments, corporations, and civil society

Persistent Disparities

Inequities in research capacity, funding, and access to knowledge

Objectives:

- Foster high-level commitment to science diplomacy as an instrument for promoting dialogue and peace;
- Explore innovative science diplomacy initiatives through exchanges between ministers, scientists, diplomats, and experts to contribute to peace building and human rights protection;



Agree on a common framework to advance shared goals through science diplomacy; and

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Highlight ongoing initiatives and opportunities in science diplomacy.

2025 Global Science Ministerial Dialogue: Main themes



Science Diplomacy to Advance Secure and Open Science

Balancing open science and open innovation with research security, intellectual property issues, and technology risks

☐ Science Diplomacy in a World of Disruptive Technologies

Setting common standards for disruptive technologies, e.g. artificial intelligence, biological, neurological, quantum technologies

☐ Science Diplomacy for Times of Crises

Ensuring access to scientific information and protecting scientific resources in times of crisis

☐ Science Diplomacy for Shared Natural and Scientific Resources

Fostering peaceful management of transboundary natural resources including water, biodiversity, ocean



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Multistakeholder High-level Conference

Segment to explore and assess innovative science diplomacy frameworks and approaches

Output:

2025 Paris Declaration on Science Diplomacy



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26 March 2025

Global Science Ministerial Conference

Ministerial segment to discuss science diplomacy priorities and identify areas of collaboration.

Outputs:

- Joint Ministerial Statement on Science Diplomacy in a Rapidly Changing World: Building Peace in the Minds of Men and Women,
- Announcements of specific science diplomacy initiatives.

Thank you!

