STI FORUM
SIDE EVENTS PROGRAMME
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HQ-1	6 May 2025	10:00-11:15	CR-6	Scaling innovations for People and the Planet: Navigating uncertainties and building partnerships to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals leaving no one behind	Permanent Mission of Finland to the UN; UN Global Pulse	This side event launches the 2025 edition of the UN Global Pulse Accelerator, focusing on enhancing innovation scaling—a central aspect of the UN 2.0 transformation. (Contact)
HQ-27	6 May 2025	10:00-11:15	CR-9	Inclusive Digital Development: A Case for the G20	Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa; International Telecommunication Union (ITU)	Seeking to build-upon contemporary global discussions on digital and emerging technologies, this side event will discuss various ways that the G20 can advance inclusive digital development. (Contact)
HQ-7	6 May 2025	10:00-11:15	CR-C	Science, Technology and Innovations as accelerators for inclusive and sustainable agrifood system transformation and achieving the SDGs leaving no one behind	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); Department of Science and Innovation (South Africa); African Conservation Tillage Network (Kenya); Pairwise, USA, Dietrics, Singapore, Organic Scientific, Initiative for eliminating harmful Bacteria, USA, EcoCrafters, India, Green Harmony, Indonesia	The side event aims to promote efficient, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable agrifood systems by harnessing scientific evidence, improving uptake, and scaling-up of technologies and innovations. (Website | Contact)

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HQ-2	6 May 2025	11:45-13:00	CR-6	From Divide to Synergy: Global Cooperation Frameworks for AI Capacity Building	Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the UN; Permanent Mission of Zambia to the UN; China Association for Science and Technology	The event aims to advance the implementation of UN resolutions on AI capacity-building, ensure equitable and inclusive access to AI technologies, and contribute to GDC and the SDGs. (Contact)
HQ-5	6 May 2025	11:45-13:00	CR-8	AI for Good Lab: Interactive Exhibition	ITU; World Health Organization (WHO), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)	The 2025 AI for Good Lab will showcase AI-driven solutions already in use, providing hands-on opportunities to experience innovations that can accelerate progress toward health-related SDGs. (Website | Contact)
HQ-8	6 May 2025	11:45-13:00	CR-C	Youth-led Innovation: Empowering the Next Generation of Agrifood Innovators for a Sustainable Future	World Food Forum (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations); FAO Office of Innovation (OIN), Extreme Tech Challenge (XTC), Penn State University, Seeding the Future Foundation, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Chile, The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	Spotlighting youth-led innovation that is leveraging the power innovation in science, entrepreneurship and technology to achieve the SDGs. (Website | Contact)

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HQ-4	6 May 2025	13:15-14:45	CR-9	IGF 2025 - "Building Digital Governance Together": On the road to WSIS+20 and beyond	Mission of Norway to the UN; The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Secretariat, in cooperation with UN DESA	The side event will provide a preview of the 20th Internet Governance Forum in Norway. As one of the outcomes of WSIS, the IGF will offer a space to host discussions related to the WSIS+20 process. (Website | Contact)
HQ-24	6 May 2025	13:15-14:45	CR-C	Leveraging AI for Sustainable Development and SDGs	World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO); American Society of Civil Engineer (ASCE); Engineering for Change (E4C); CDWD	Panelists will discuss how the global engineering community through WFEO can raise awareness and build engineering capacity to achieve SDGs ethically and respectful of human rights. (Website | Contact)
HQ-19	6 May 2025	13:15-14:45	CR-D	Powering Progress: Unlocking UN Impact through Private Sector Partnerships	UN Global Pulse; Hellon	Powering Progress: Unlocking UN Impact through Private Sector Partnership. (Website | Contact)
HQ-22	6 May 2025	15:00-16:15	CR-6	Accelerating Government Digital Transformation with AI, Configurable COTS Platforms, and Digital Process Libraries	UNDP; UNDP Resilience Hub for Africa; cBrain	Governments need faster, citizen-centric services. This session shows how AI-enabled COTS platforms and Digital Process Libraries accelerate transformation, reduce costs, and align with the SDGs. (Website | Contact)

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HQ-18	6 May 2025	15:00-16:15	CR-9	Artificial Intelligence & Virtual Worlds: Innovating the Future of Work and Economic Growth to advance the SDGs	ITU; UNICC; Finland; Tanzania and UAE	This side event will explore how AI and virtual worlds are reshaping industries, fostering innovation, and driving economic growth in alignment with SDG 8 and the Pact for the Future. (Website | Contact)
HQ-9	6 May 2025	15:00-16:15	CR-C	What's Next After AI? Preparing for the Next Tech Frontier, with UN Global Pulse and Apolitical	UN Global Pulse; Apolitical	Explore how UN agencies and governments can proactively harness emerging tech—from AI to quantum and neurotech—to build future-ready institutions and deliver lasting public value. (Website | Contact)
HQ-20	6 May 2025	15:00-16:15	CR-D	Resource Mobilization Innovation and Emerging Technologies for Whole of Society Global Challenges Action	International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges; Permanent Mission of The Bahamas; UN Environment - Early Warning and Data Analytics Branch; Council of Global Change; Climate Chain Coalition; IIASA; IRCAI; GIZ	Showcasing innovative finance, emerging tech, and global-local partnerships to build a public goods funding grid for climate action and sustainable development at scale. (Website | Contact)

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HQ-6	6 May 2025	16:45-18:00	CR-9	The Future of Cities. Envisioning Future HealthScapes: rethinking methodologies of design practices towards regenerative environments.	New York Institute of Technology-School of Architecture and Design; Permanent Mission to United Nations of Denmark / Consulate General of Denmark in New York	The event fosters multidisciplinary and dynamic interactions between academic knowledge, professional expertise, and operational practices, for new cooperation on fragile cultural/natural environments (Website | Contact)
HQ-11	7 May 2025	13:15-14:45	CR-9	Digital El Salvador: Driving Innovation and Competitiveness	Permanent Mission of the Republic of El Salvador to the United Nations; United Nations Development Programme	Exploring how digital transformation and global cooperation drive inclusive innovation, spotlighting El Salvador's commitments and leadership in the digital development agenda. (Contact)
HQ-12	7 May 2025	13:15-14:45	CR-C	The Science Decade: A Catalyst for Revitalized Global Collaboration - Harnessing the Power of Sciences for Sustainable Development	UNESCO; Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (ITU)	This event will present endorsed initiatives under the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development and engage partners on how science can foster collaboration to achieve the SDGs. (Website | Contact)
HQ-13	7 May 2025	13:15-14:45	CR-D	Harnessing AI and Data for a Sustainable Future	UNCTAD; ODET	This side event will explore strategies to co-create inclusive governance mechanisms and enhance collaboration on infrastructure, data and skills to ensure AI drives equitable development. (Website | Contact)

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HQ-14	7 May 2025	13:15-14:45	CR-E	Early Warning for All: Harnessing AI-Powered Technologies to Strengthen Social Development and Sectoral Resilience	WMO; UNDRR; UN Office for Partnerships; UNESCO; ITU	This side event seeks to highlight how AI-enhanced Early Warning Systems can bolster resilience and social development across various sectors. (Contact)
HQ-15	8 May 2025	13:15-14:45	CR-9	A new phase of international STI cooperation in times of high uncertainty and complexity	G-STIC; Permanent Mission of Belgium; Permanent Mission of Brazil; STEPI (South Korea)	International STI cooperation is essential to navigate uncertainty and complexity. This G-STIC event will explore how collaborative STI efforts can foster innovative solutions to global challenges. (Website | Contact)
HQ-16	8 May 2025	13:15-14:45	CR-C	Operationalising the science-policy interface: Insights from existing partnerships	ETH Zurich; Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations	Collaboration between scientists and policymakers is essential yet challenging. This side-event explores what it takes to strengthen the science-policy interface based on insights from the UN-ETH Partnership. (Website | Contact)
HQ-21	8 May 2025	13:15-14:45	CR-E	Towards the Hamburg Declaration on Responsible AI for the Sustainable Development Goals	United Nations University Center for Policy Research; UNDP; Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN	In the context of the Hamburg Sustainability Conference, this multi-stakeholder convening will serve as a consultative session to shape the “Declaration on Responsible AI for Sustainable Development" (Website | Contact)