

## Draft Agenda

- 5 min      **Welcome**  
*Mrs. Majda Moutchou, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations*  
*Astra Bonini, Chief, IPAB/DSDG, DESA*
- 5 min      **Introduction: STI and science diplomacy for UN Member States**  
*[Morgan Seag](#) (USA), Senior Representative to the UN System, ISC*
- 20 min      **Interactive Panel I: Harnessing science for Africa's development**  
*[Heide Hackmann](#) (South Africa), Chair in Science Futures, University of Stellenbosch*  
*[Doyin Odubanjo](#) (Nigeria), Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Academy of Science; Inaugural Chair, International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA) Africa; Governing Board Member, ISC*
- 15 min      **Breakout discussions:**  
What is going well in equipping diplomats to engage with science for development? What needs improvement?  
*Facilitation: Heide Hackmann, Doyin Odubanjo*
- 5 min      **Plenary: Reporting from breakouts**  
*Moderation: Morgan Seag*
- 20 min      **Interactive Panel II: Empowering digital technology and innovation for African countries**  
*[Monica Kerretts-Makau](#) (Kenya), Academic Director and Professor of Practice, Center for Excellence for Africa, Thunderbird School of Global Management, Arizona State University*  
*[Emna Harigua](#) (Tunisia), Data Scientist, AI Expert, and Researcher, Institut Pasteur de Tunis*  
*[John Ouma-Mugabe](#) (Kenya), Professor of Science and Innovation Policy, University of Pretoria; Senior Consultant, African Development Bank; Director, Foundation for Innovation and Technology*
- 15 min      **Breakout discussions:**  
How can African countries' UN Missions advance digital technology and innovation for sustainable development?  
*Facilitation: Monica Kerretts-Makau, John Ouma-Mugabe*
- 10 min      **Plenary: Reporting from breakouts and path forward**  
*Moderation: Morgan Seag*
- 5 min      **Close**  
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