

CONCEPT NOTE

Strengthening co-operation and knowledge-sharing through the OECD STIP Compass International Organisations' Portal

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ABOUT THE SIDE EVENT AND THE STIP COMPASS INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS' PORTAL

The OECD, together with UN DESA, is launching a new web portal within its [STIP Compass Platform](#) that will map the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policy initiatives of International Organisations (IOs). These initiatives include innovative and traditional financial mechanisms (such as blended finance, STI-for Debt Swaps, mission innovation grants and loans), technical assistance, capacity building, and knowledge infrastructures, among others.

The new portal will serve as a centralised repository for sharing knowledge on IOs' STI policy initiatives, thereby promoting mutual learning, and fostering future cooperation and policy alignment, particularly in the realm of financing mechanisms.

The new portal will complement the national data on STI policy initiatives, mechanisms, and programmes already collected by the OECD STIP Compass platform (in co-operation with the European Commission) and build on existing efforts by the [UN Interagency Task Team on STI for the SDGs](#) (IATT) to map IOs' STI policy initiatives, as well as the information available on the [UN's Online Platform \(2030Connect\)](#).

The Side-Event will present the project's progress and outline plans for the portal's launch in 2026. In the initial pilot phase of the project, 15 IOs will participate. The Side-Event will provide a valuable platform to engage with a broader audience and provide a link to the Science Summit events organised in parallel to the FfD4 Conference.

WHY ARE WE PURSUING THIS PILOT PROJECT NOW?

Since IOs' STI policy initiatives often target different sectors, challenges and audiences, there are seldom opportunities for mutual exchange and learning on good practices. Information on the design and implementation of their STI policy initiatives is typically dispersed across their websites and in official documents. Drawing this together into a single knowledge repository that supports information search, synthesis and download would provide firm foundations for mutual learning. Technologies such as large language models, the semantic web and web scraping have lowered barriers to developing such functionalities, many of which are already deployed in the STIP Compass platform.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES AND TIMELINE

Mobilising support for the project (Jan-June 2025): The OECD and UN DESA have identified around 15 IOs to participate in the project's pilot phase. They have organised meetings with these IOs to present the project and gather their insights and support.

Agreement on data models and data collection arrangements (May-July 2025): The IATT has already done extensive scoping work on data models, which will be complemented by those used in STIP

Compass. The latter has also developed sophisticated arrangements for collecting distributed data on STI policy initiatives. Through an online consultation and series of meetings, IOs participating in the pilot will agree upon the portal's data model and arrangements for collecting the data.

Data collection and curation (Sept-Dec 2025): The OECD will administer the online survey over two months (Sept-Oct) and collect and curate its data (Nov-Dec). Data collection will depend upon a contact point embedded in each IO who will be responsible for distributing the survey internally.

Portal launch (Q1-Q2 2026): The new portal will be launched in STIP Compass in the first half of 2026, possibly to coincide with an existing high-level event. The portal's data will also be seamlessly accessible in the UN's 2030Connect portal at the same time.

Outreach and scale-up (2026-): UN DESA and OECD will disseminate the results through both 2030Connect and STIP Compass, highlighting the role of STI in addressing global challenges. If deemed successful, the portal will also be scaled to cover the STI policy initiatives of more IOs.

EXPECTED BENEFITS

The pilot project will provide numerous benefits to its users, including:

- ✓ Access to intelligence from harmonised information on IOs' STI policy initiatives via the portal, aiding in the planning of programmes, activities, and partnerships.
- ✓ Enhanced quality and presentation of data on IOs' STI policy initiatives, along with an improved user experience, leveraging STIP Compass's robust data management and information display infrastructure.
- ✓ Extensive networking and cooperation opportunities with other IOs working on STI issues, facilitated through the portal and at related workshops and events.
- ✓ Increased visibility of IOs' STI policy initiatives among portal users and beyond.

ABOUT EXISTING OECD AND UN PLATFORMS

The [EC-OECD STIP Compass](#) platform aggregates comprehensive data on national STI policies, showcasing trends and enabling policy analysis from over 60 countries and the European Union. With a comprehensive taxonomy and robust data management infrastructure (including an online survey and website powered by semantic technologies), STIP Compass is well positioned to extend its data collection to IOs, integrating existing national qualitative and quantitative datasets with supranational initiatives from IOs to create a more comprehensive global resource. The platform already hosts several thematic portals that provide tailored information to meet the needs of specific STI policy communities.

The Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM) was created by the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and launched by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2015 with an overall ambition to bring the United Nations closer to the pulse of scientific-technological progress in academia, private sector, and civil society. As per its mandate, one key component of the TFM is an online platform ([2030Connect](#)) which serves as a gateway for mapping and disseminating information on existing science, technology and innovation initiatives, mechanisms and programmes, within and beyond the United Nations.