



Eleventh Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals

6-7 May 2026

Theme: Transformative, equitable and coordinated science, technology and innovation for the 2030 Agenda and a sustainable future for all

Logistics and Participant Guide

The 11th annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals ([STI Forum](#)) will be held on Wednesday, 6 May and Thursday, 7 May 2026, at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Forum will be convened by the President of ECOSOC and the meetings of the Forum will be co-chaired by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations. As per its mandate, the Forum is prepared by the [UN interagency task team on STI for the SDGs \(IATT\)](#), convened by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the [10-Member Group of High-Level Representatives](#) appointed by the Secretary-General.

In line with the 2026 theme of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) convened under the auspices of ECOSOC in July, the Forum will focus on “Transformative, equitable and coordinated science, technology and innovation for the 2030 Agenda and a sustainable future for all”. Special focus will be given to the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the HLPF, namely: SDG 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all; SDG 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all; SDG 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation; SDG 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; SDG 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development. The Forum will also consider how science, technology and innovation can be harnessed to accelerate progress

across the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and support follow up to the Summit of the Future and its Pact for the Future.

The STI Forum will feature stage-setting opening and closing sessions, one ministerial session, thematic sessions, and special events. The Forum will also feature side events and related activities.

The official meetings of the Forum (opening, closing, Ministerial session and thematic sessions) and the special events will be held in-person at UNHQ in Conference Room 4. The official meetings of the STI Forum will be webcast live and on demand on UN Web TV (<http://webtv.un.org>).

A detailed programme of the STI Forum will be available on the Forum website at: <https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2026>

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1. Participation of Member States/Observers/UN entities

Official meetings

The official meetings of the Forum will be held in-person in Conference Room 4, United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations will be invited to request seating with a nameplate for the official meetings of the Forum in advance through an online form that will be circulated through ECOSOC Announcements in the e-deleGATE portal (members of ECOSOC will have seating pre-arranged and do not need to complete the form). Delegations who do not complete the form may request seating in the Room during the official meetings of the Forum.

Registration to official meetings at UN Headquarters for the purpose of issuing grounds passes is processed by the UN Protocol and Liaison Service via the online system “eRegistration” available through the e-deleGATE Portal at <https://edelegate.un.int/>. Authorized users of the permanent missions may follow the “eRegistration” guidelines, which can be found at <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings>, to submit requests for registration of members of delegations to temporary meetings.

All staff of Ministries and government agencies who intend to participate in person in the Forum should contact their country's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, to be included in their national delegation to the Forum. The Missions should arrange for access to the UN building.

INSCRIPTIONS TO DELIVER A STATEMENT IN THE MINISTERIAL SESSION

6 MAY, 11:10 a.m. – 13:00 p.m. EDT

Delegations whose Ministers wish to express an interest in speaking during the Ministerial Session should register through the e-speakers module on the e-delegate portal (edelegate.un.int). **Inscription will open on Monday, 6th April 2026 at 10 a.m., and will close on Monday, 27th April, at 5 p.m. (EDT).** In order to hear as many statements as possible within the limited time available, a time limit of **up to five minutes** per statement will be strictly implemented.¹ A provisional list of Ministers that have expressed an interest in speaking during the Ministerial Session will be circulated prior to the opening of the Forum.

Delegations not delivering a statement at the Ministerial Session, including those represented below the ministerial level, may choose to submit written statements to Yirui Ding (yirui.ding@un.org) and Nyu Wang (nyu.wang@un.org) for posting on the 2026 STI Forum website.

HOW TO MAKE INTERVENTIONS DURING THE THEMATIC SESSIONS

There will be **no advance inscription for speaking in the interactive thematic sessions** to be held on 6 and 7 May 2026.

Requests to speak during the thematic sessions should be made by pressing the button on the microphone console once the Co-Chair/Moderator has opened the floor.

Each intervention should be limited to 3 minutes or less. The time limit will be strictly implemented, including through the muting of microphones once the time limit is reached.

IMPORTANT

Written copies of all statements delivered in the STI Forum should be sent to estatements@un.org at least two hours in advance of delivery, indicating the name and date of the meeting and delegation, in order to ensure proper interpretation. Statements submitted to estatements@un.org will be available in the entry for the relevant meeting in the UN Journal (<https://journal.un.org>).

Remarks that are in the form of talking points or drafts should be marked as “interpretation purpose only”.

To enable accurate interpretation, speakers should speak clearly and at a moderate pace.

¹ The actual length of intervention by Ministers will be determined by the Forum Co-Chairs based on the number of Ministers that have expressed an interest in speaking during the Ministerial Session.

2. [Participation of Science, Technology and Innovation \(STI\) stakeholders](#)

The STI Forum will be open to all those in possession of valid UN Grounds Passes for the UNHQ in New York up to the capacity of the Conference Room.

Representatives from non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders not in possession of valid UN Grounds passes for the UNHQ in New York wishing to attend the event in-person are required to register on a dedicated platform. Registration will be open between 16 March and 21st April 2026 and details will be posted to the STI Forum webpage.

Please note that all registered participants shall be responsible for making their own travel arrangements (visa, transportation, accommodation, etc.) and covering related costs, as applicable.

Interested participants not able to attend the meeting in person will be able to follow the discussions on [UN WebTV](#). No registration is required for those watching the proceedings live online.

Time permitting, a selected number of stakeholder representatives will be able to make interventions at the meetings of the Forum. Information about how to apply for speaking slots will be shared with registered stakeholders in the lead up to the STI Forum.

3. [Participation of media](#)

Journalists interested in attending the STI Forum (meetings, special events, pre-events, roundtables, exhibits, and side events) are required to apply for media accreditation by following the instructions [here](#). For meetings (opening/closing, Ministerial session and Thematic sessions) and special events, it is also possible to follow via [UN Web TV](#).

Delegations may register accompanying media (including journalists and official photo/video) through the eRegistration module on the [e-deleGATE](#) portal ([instructions](#)).

For questions relating to media accreditation, please contact malu@un.org or +1-212-963-6934.

4. [Side Events](#)

Side events can be organized in connection with the STI Forum, either in-person, off-site or virtually, by Member States, the UN system, intergovernmental organizations and accredited non-governmental stakeholders. The side events will be an opportunity for all participants to share knowledge and successful practices to accelerate the implementation of science, technology, and innovation solutions for the SDGs, identify new and emerging issues, exchange national and local experiences and practices, and showcase voluntary commitments for strengthening the role of STI in achieving the SDGs. Side events may be held on the day prior to the Forum (5 May), as well as on the days of the STI Forum itself, during specific designated times (6-7 May: during the lunch breaks of official meetings of the Forum).

The call for side events has been launched on **3 February 2026**. The deadline for the application is **6PM, 16 March 2026 (EST)**.

Please find the Guideline for Side Event Proposals [here](#) and submit your side event proposal [here](#).

5. General inquiries

For more information, please visit the STI Forum website: <https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2026>

For Member States and UN entities participation, please contact Mr. Wei Liu (liuw@un.org) with the subject [STI Forum – Member States].

For Stakeholders participation, please contact dsdg@un.org with the subject [STI Forum – Stakeholders]

For Side Events: please contact Ms. Nadine Salame (salame1@un.org) and Ms. Xinyi Zhang (xinyi.zhang@un.org) with the subject [STI Forum – side event].