

STI4SDG BASELINE ASSESSMENT VALIDATION AND ROADMAP DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY WORKSHOP

LOCAL: Meeting Room, 4th Floor, UN Building, Praia, Cabo Verde

DATE: 7-8 April 2026

TIME: 09:00 – 17:00

Online Participation

DAY1

Time: Apr 7, 2026 09:00 AM Cape Verde Islands

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DAY2

Time: Apr 8, 2026 09:00 AM Cape Verde Islands

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PROGRAM

DAY 1 – VALIDATION AND CONSENSUS BUILDING

08:30 | Registration of Participants

09:00 | Opening Session

Ms. Patricia Portela de Souza, UN Resident Coordinator in Cabo Verde

Keynote Address

Mr. Alexandre Nevsky Rodrigues, National Secretariat for Climate Action

09:30 | Group Photo

Session 1 – Framing the STI4SDG Process: From Baseline – to Roadmap – to Implementation

09:45 | Overview of the UN STI4SDG Project and Roadmap Process (15m)

Ms. Anya Thomas, Economic Affairs Officer, UNDESA

Ms. Zulmira Rodriguez, Chief of Section for SIDS, UNESCO (Online)

Q&A

Session 2 – Presentation of the STI Baseline Assessment

10:00 | Key Findings of the STI Baseline Assessment (40m)

Mr. Rui Levy, National Consultant, UNDESA

10:40 | Discussion and Clarifications (20m)

11:00 | Coffee Break

Session 3 – Validation Discussion

11:30 | Moderated Validation Discussion (60m)
Mr. Rui Levy, National Consultant, UNDESA

12:30 | Summary of Validation Points (15m)
Mr. Rui Levy, National Consultant, UNDESA

12:45 – 14:00 | Lunch Break

Session 4 – Cross-Sector Reflection Dialogue Strategic Alignment and Priority Setting

14:00 | STI, National Planning and the VNR Process (20m)
Mr. Francisco Tavares (National Directorate of Planning)

14:20 | National Science Program, Strategic Plan for STI (20m)
Mr. Romualdo Correia (General Directorate of Higher Education)

14:40 | EW4ALL Cabo Verde (20m)
Mr. Alexandre Nevsky Rodrigues (National Secretariat for Climate Action)

15:00 | Scientific Knowledge Production and Centres of Excellence (20m)
Ms. Zulmira Rodriguez (UNESCO) (Online)

15:20 | STI Strategy for Africa (STISA-2034) (20m)
Mr. Antonio Palazuelos (UN ECA)

15:40 | Working group for Priority Setting (20m)
Mr. Arciolindo Pinheiro (DNP)

16:00 | Plenary Discussion (20m)

Session 5 – Setting the Scene for Roadmap Development

16:20 | From Baseline to Roadmap: Develop Challenge-led and Action-oriented STI Roadmap (30m)
Mr. Antonio Palazuelos, Program Coordination Expert, UN ECA

16:50 | Close of the Day 1
Mr. Rui Levy (DESA)
Ms. Anya Thomas (DESA)

17:00 | Network

DAY 2 – DEEP DIVE INTO THE STI4SDG ROADMAP

08:50 | Recap of Day 1 and Framing of Day 2 (10m)
Ms. Anya Thomas (DESA)

Session 6 – STI Governance & Institutional Coordination

09:00 | Effective STI Governance Approaches in Other SIDS (30m)
Mr. Xavier Estico, UN-10 Member Group, Secretary of State for Science, Technology & Innovation, Seychelles (Online)

09:30 | Breakout Group Work – Round 1 (60m)
Facilitated by Mr. Antonio Palazuelos, UN ECA
A focus on Cabo Verde's existing STI infrastructure (legislation, policy and institutions) and coordination mechanisms, design strengthened STI governance architecture (national, regional, international level)

10:30 | Plenary Reporting and Expert Feedback (20m)
Facilitated by Mr. Antonio Palazuelos, UN ECA
Each group presents 5mins, expert responds to the feasibility, facilitator synthesizes agreed governance actions

10:50 | Coffee Break

Session 7 – Capacity Building & System Strengthening

11:10 | Building Multi-Level Capacity for STI Decision-Making in Digital Era (30m)
Prof. Gong Ke, Chair of Special Task Force on Engineering Capacity Building for Africa Programme, World Federation of Engineering Organizations

11:40 | Breakout Group Work – Round 2 (60m)
Facilitated by Ms. Maisa Gonçalves, DGES
Identify priority capacity strengthening actions across individual, institutional and system levels.

12:40 | Plenary Reporting and Expert Feedback (20m)
Facilitated by Ms. Maisa Gonçalves, DGES
Each group presents 3 capacity priorities & measures, expert responds to the feasibility and potential international cooperation opportunities

13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch Break

Session 8 – Financing Mechanisms for STI4SDG Roadmap

14:00 | Financing STI research and Infrastructure (30m)
Mr. Gilson Pina, Director of Planning, Ministry of Finance, Cabo Verde

14:30 | Breakout Group Work – Round 3 (60m)
Facilitated by Carla Semedo, DNP
Define what financing resources are needed to implement the Roadmap

15:30 | Plenary Reporting and Expert Feedback (20m)

Facilitated by Carla Semedo, DNP

15:50 – 16:20 | Coffee Break

Session 9 – Consolidation: STI4SDG Roadmap Implementation Pathway

16:20 | “What happens next?” Clearly define the immediate next steps for developing and implementing the STI4SDG Roadmap (30m)

Facilitated by UNDESA, Anya and Rui

16:50 | Closing Session

Ms. Patricia Portela de Souza, UN Resident Coordinator in Cabo Verde

Mr. Romualdo Correia, General Directorate of Higher Education