

11TH

STI FORUM

Science, Technology & Innovation for
the Sustainable Development Goals

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



| 6-7 May 2026 | UNHQ NY |



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Official Programme

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| 6-7 May 2026 | CR4, UNHQ New York |

Wednesday, 6 May 2026

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
WELCOME & OPENING

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
MINISTERIAL SESSION

*STRENGTHENING THE SCIENCE-POLICY
NEXUS TO DRIVE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT*

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
SESSION I

*TRANSFORMING WATER SYSTEMS WITH
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION*

*Panel 1: Advances in science, technology
and innovation for sustainable water
systems (SDG 6)*

*Panel 2: Water infrastructure, service
delivery and urban innovation (SDG 9 and
SDG 11)*

Thursday, 7 May 2026

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
SESSION II

*POWERING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
THROUGH CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES
FOR AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE
AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL*

*Panel 1: Scaling affordable and clean
energy technologies for inclusive
development (SDG 7)*

*Panel 2: Innovation in energy infrastructure,
industry, and cities (SDG 9 and SDG 11)*

3:00 PM - 5:40 PM
SESSION III

*SHAPING THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN TIMES
OF UNCERTAINTY AND CHANGE*

5:40 PM - 6:00 PM
CLOSING

About the STI Forum

As mandated by General Assembly Resolution 70/1, the **Multistakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum)** is convened every year under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to discuss the roles of science, technology and innovation in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The forum is an important component of the **Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM)** for the SDGs.

2026 Co-Chairs



H.E. Mr. Chola Milambo,
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Zambia
to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Gregor W. Koessler,
Permanent Representative
of Austria to the United Nations

Appointed by the President of ECOSOC H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa, the co-chairs lead the preparations of the Forum and are expected to prepare a summary of discussions as the official outcome from the Forum.

Guided by the co-chairs, the Forum is organized by **the UN Interagency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (IATT)** and **the 10-Member Group (10MG)** of high-level representatives of civil society, private sector and scientific community appointed by the Secretary-General to promote science, technology and innovation for the SDGs.

Side Events



5-7 May 2026

16 IN-PERSON SIDE EVENTS

38 VIRTUAL SIDE EVENTS

11 OFFSITE SIDE EVENTS

10MG



Group of 10 high-level representatives of civil society, private sector and scientific community to promote science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals

IATT

Inter-agency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals

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UN entities as members, including

- Secretariat Departments & Offices,
- Regional Commissions,
- Specialized Agencies & Related IGOs,
- Funds & Programmes, and
- UN Research, Training and Academic Institutions

Co-convened by:



DESA

Department of
Economic and
Social Affairs



Young Innovators

90 second lightning talks featuring 10 youth-led innovations during the Forum

Solutions Book featuring 60 innovations selected from 900+ submissions advancing sustainable development, esp. the 2026 focus SDGs



Showcasing youth-led science, technology and innovation solutions for a better and more sustainable future