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HQ-1	5 May 2026	10:00-11:15	CR11	AI Empowering Engineering Capacity Building	Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations, China Association for Science and Technology	This event will showcase practical experiences and projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to applying AI in engineering capacity building. (Contact)
HQ-4	5 May 2026	10:00-11:15	CRC	Science and the future of multilateral cooperation	Permanent Mission of Belgium, Permanent Mission of India, Permanent Mission of South Africa, UNESCO, International Science Council	The event will explore how science supports multilateralism and how multilateral scientific cooperation can help foster dialogue, collaboration, and inclusive participation in science. (Contact)
HQ-15	5 May 2026	10:00-11:15	CRD	Transformative and Equitable Agricultural Technology for the 2030 Agenda and a Sustainable Future	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	Agricultural technologies - biotech, digital tools, AI, precision farming, mechanization, food processing, remote sensing, early warning systems – transform agrifood systems and achieve multiple SDGs. (Website Contact Concept Note)

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HQ-3	5 May 2026	11:30-12:45	CR9	Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development	Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO), Permanent Mission of Pakistan to United Nations, the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia (TBC), and UNCTAD	This side event Global South stakeholders to shape multilateral discussions on science, technology, and innovation for sustainable development. (Website Contact)
HQ-14	5 May 2026	11:30-12:45	CRD	FAO's ATIO Initiative: Mobilizing Innovation Intelligence to Advance Agrifood Systems Transformation	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	This event will showcase how global access to innovation intelligence translates to local impact through the ATIO Knowledge Base, ATIO Report, and strategic partnerships. (Website Contact Concept note).
HQ-12	5 May 2026	15:00-16:15	CR9	Artificial Intelligence and Justice Systems: Promoting Sustainable Development, Safeguarding Human Rights, Access to Justice and the Rule of Law	OHCHR, Costa Rica, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Pathfinders for Peace, Justice and Inclusive Societies	This side event will discuss the implications of AI for the justice system, including for rule of law, with a view to understanding how AI can be governed to support SDGs and human rights. (Contact)

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HQ-8	6 May 2026	13:15-14:30	CR4	Small Island Developing States - From Digital Presence to Digital Utility	UNDP, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore to the United Nations in New York	Launch UNDP’s ‘Responsible Digital Foundations in SIDS’ report. Roadmap on interoperability, data, cyber resilience, governance and funding priorities to overcome the implementation paradox. (Website Contact)
HQ-2	6 May 2026	13:15-14:30	CR6	G-STIC 3.0: From innovation to implementation – Strengthening STI systems for SDG impact in times of uncertainty	VITO/G-STIC, Permanent Representation of Belgium to the UN, G-STIC, VITO, JITRI, ZRDC	G-STIC 3.0 contributes to shaping future STI systems by addressing the deployment gap and advancing cooperation, governance, and innovation for sustainable development. (Website Contact)

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HQ-16	6 May 2026	13:15-14:30	CRC	Engineering a Sustainable and Resilient Built Environment and Infrastructure during and through Technology Revolution	World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO), International Science Council (ISC), FAO	Engineering vision, leadership, innovation and management can deliver a sustainable, resilient and inclusive infrastructure during and through technology (Webstie Contact)
HQ-17	6 May 2026	13:15-14:30	CRD	At the Water's Edge: Sea Level Rise, Water Security and Livelihoods in the Pacific	International Science Council, Permanent Mission of Australia, Permanent Mission of Fiji, International Science Council Regional Focal Point for Asia-Pacific	High-level panel on sea level rise in Pacific SIDS, linking water security, food, health and livelihoods, and showcasing science-driven, locally led solutions for climate resilience. (Website Contact)
HQ-26	6 May 2026	13:15-14:30	S-26MM2	AI Integration in E-Governance	Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government/UN DESA; Permanent Mission of Republic of Korea; University of Southern California, Sol Price School of Public Policy	This side event will provide an opportunity for Member States and the Secretariat to hear youth's research findings and perspectives and to discuss the possible steps for strengthening UN guidance on AI related applications in digital government and public sector. (Contact Concept Note)

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HQ-18	7 May 2026	13:15-14:30	CR4	Global Challenges Action ID & Global Challenges Action Registry - Empowering Youth Led Action for Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Communities and a Healthy Planet with Digital Public Infrastructure	IAAI GloCha, PM of The Bahamas, STI Secretariat, Republic of Uganda, Blue Planet Alliance, Climate Chain Coalition, Rotary Climate Action Club / Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group, International Organization of Youth, Long Beach City College, UNOOSA	GloCha presents digital & social solutions empowering youth-led action for healthy lifestyles, healthy communities and a healthy planet via Action IDs, registries for verified and certified SDG action (Website Contact Concept Note)
HQ-13	7 May 2026	13:15-14:30	CR9	Empowering the Global South through TinyML: Scaling Transformative AI Education for the SDGs	ITU, UNESCO - ICTP	This side event showcases how low-power, low-cost ML democratizes AI through local capacity building and sustainable STI cooperation for the SDGs.
HQ-25	7 May 2026	13:15-14:30	CRC	Science, Technology and Innovation - Capacity Building, Matchmaking and Scaling-up	UN DESA Division for Sustainable Development Goals	This capacity-building and matchmaking event will feature 10 selected innovators from over 900 global submissions, offering a practical orientation on SDG framing, partnerships, and intellectual property, followed by structured bilateral exchanges with Member States, UN entities, private sector partners, and civil society to help scale breakthrough solutions for the 2030 Agenda. (Website Contact Concept Note)

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HQ-20	7 May 2026	13:15-14:30	CRD	She Powers the Planet: Girls in Energy at the Frontline – Innovate, Illuminate, Inspire for a Science, Technology and Innovation–Driven Energy Transition and Catalysing Energy Justice	DoTheDream Youth Development Initiative, Alliance of Social Transformers for Sustainable Development, Permanent Missions of Nigeria	She Powers the Planet: Girls in Energy leads STI-innovative transitions that illuminate local-to-global impact. (Website Contact)
HQ-7	7 May 2026	13:15-14:30	ECOSOC Chamber	From Orbit to Impact: Space Solutions Powering Sustainable Industry and Resilient Cities	United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, Austria; Zambia; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; PVB LIC Foundation	With a focus on SDGs 9 and 11, the event examines how space technologies can drive sustainable and inclusive industrial development and support the planning of resilient cities and communities. (Contact)

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