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V-09	5 May 2026	8:00-9:00	Kits that Fit: Using Data and Digital Feedback to Engage Markets in Emergencies	UNICEF Office of Innovation	A session on a global initiative to deliver kits that are tailored for people's needs in emergencies, supplied as locally as possible and continuously reviewed to be fit for purpose. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-32	5 May 2026	8:00-9:15	Healthy Planet, Healthy Minds and Brains: Science for Resilient Cities and Communities	Youth for Planetary Health, Climate Psychiatry Alliance, and Yale University.	Join us to explore how a healthy planet connects to healthy brains and minds, and how these links can help build Sustainable Cities and Communities socially, economically, and environmentally. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-01	5 May 2026	8:00-10:00	Scalable Digital Infrastructure: Community Networks, Local Language AI, and Standards-Based Innovation - the path to SDG implementation	Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) India; Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)	Explore replicable models for digital ecosystems, highlighting practical, scalable pathways for community led infrastructure, local language AI, and standards based innovation for SDG9 implementation. (Contact Meeting Link)
V-17	5 May 2026	8:00-10:00	Youth Voices for Smart Farming: Shaping Policy for the Next Generation of Change Makers	World Food Forum Global Youth Action Initiative; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Penn State University, Hello Tractor	This side event will convene young farmers, innovators, researchers, young women and young policymakers in an intergenerational dialogue to enable youth-led smart farming solutions. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)

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V-28	5 May 2026	9:00-10:15	AI for 2030 Agenda and Beyond: Inclusion, Accessibility and Equity	The Chinese Association of Science of Science and S&T Policy Research (CASSSP); CAST UN Consultative Committee on Science Diplomacy (CCSD); CISTRAT-UNESCO; Chinese Academy of Science and Technology for Development (CASTED); Tsinghua University; Triple Helix Association	Harnessing AI as a global public good to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs through inclusive, accessible, and equitable cross-sector approaches. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-30	5 May 2026	10:00-11:15	Digital Readiness for the 2030 Agenda in an Era of Climate Extremes	Imperial College London; UNESCO, United Nations University, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	Interactive panel with expert speakers from across UN system & workshop marking the global launch of a new framework to assess & strengthen sustainable digital technology readiness in global climate-extreme environments in line with SDGs 9 and 17. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-33	5 May 2026	10:00-11:30	From policy to impact: Parliamentary role in advancing STI for equitable progress	Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)	The event will explore how science, technology and parliamentary engagement can drive equitable and sustainable development, highlighting cooperation and initiatives linked to SDG 6 and 17 (Website Contact Meeting Link)

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V-06	5 May 2026	12:15-13:30	Making Human Rights Innovation Work, Together: The Human Rights Data Exchange and Multistakeholder Coalitions	UN Human Rights; Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (await final clearance)	A practical reflection on building global coalitions and shared data commons to enable responsible, human centred innovation at scale through the case of the world's first Human Rights Data Exchange. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
HQ9	5 May 2026	10:00-11:15	The New Resource Frontier: Critical Minerals and Innovation for Development	University of Johannesburg; UNCTAD	This session explores how science, technology and innovation can help mineral-rich developing countries leverage rising global demand for critical minerals to move beyond extraction toward value addition, industrialisation, and inclusive, sustainable development. (Contact Meeting Link)
V-37	6 May 2026	5:00-6:45	International Seminar on AI & Technology in Law and Justice	Square One International; National Law University Meghalaya and Northeastern Technology and AI Labs	International Seminar on AI & Technology in Law and Justice by Square One International with NLU Meghalaya and NETAI Labs, exploring AI's impact on law, governance, and the future of justice systems. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)

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V-29	6 May 2026	7:00-8:15	Digital Empowerment for Resilient Urban Landscapes: Coordinated Strategies for Blue, Green, and Brown Spaces Development	The Chinese Society of Landscape Architecture (CHSLA); Urban Planning Society of China; CAST UN Consultative Committee on Sustainable Cities, Communities and Heritage; IFLA; Dept. of Landscape Architecture & Brownfield Research Center, School of Architecture, Tsinghua University	Advancing SDG 11 by integrating digital innovation across climate adaptation, ecological restoration, and community engagement, delivering actionable spatial policies for resilient urban landscapes. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-05	6 May 2026	8:00-9:00	Advancing Digital Public Services in the Arab Region through Agentic AI	ESCWA in partnership with selected entities from member states such as ministries of ICT, Digital Gov Authorities, Telecom Regulation Authorities,	The session provides policy-relevant insights, practical use cases, and governance considerations for deploying agentic systems in public service delivery in the Arab Region. (Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-08	6 May 2026	8:00-9:00	Transforming Evidence for Innovation: Practical Tools to Assess, Improve and Scale SDG solutions	UNICEF Office of Innovation	Accelerating SDG impact with practical innovation tools, to identify, validate and scale innovative solutions, ensuring we prove what works and improve what matters. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)

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V-34	6 May 2026	8:00-9:15	Responsible Digital Governance in Global Value Chains	Global ESG Leadership Organization; APAC Financial Professionals Empowerment Center, APAC Professional Certification Advancement Institute, Future Intelligence Institute for Youth, Global Center for Sustainable MICE & Trade	Architecting Global Principles Guide and Benchmarks for Transparent, Equitable, and Accountable Systemic Corporate and Industrial Transformation. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-31	6 May 2026	8:00-9:15	Strengthening Regional Collaboration for Advanced Manufacturing, Innovation Capacity and Industrial Ecosystems in Southeast Asia	South East Asia Advanced Manufacturing & Technology Council; Intrinsic SEA / MIMOS / SIDEC /CABA/JIHUALAB	Multi-stakeholder dialogue on strengthening advanced manufacturing and innovation ecosystems in Southeast Asia through partnerships, capacity building and regional collaboration. (Website Contact Meeting Link)
V-13	6 May 2026	8:00-9:15	Innovating for resilience - cleantech driven solutions for achieving SDGS 6,7,9 and 11	United Nations Industrial Development Organization; International Green Technologies and Investment Project Center under the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan (TBC)	A dynamic virtual side event showcasing how cleantech innovation, multistakeholder partnerships, and STI ecosystems can accelerate scalable solutions for achieving SDGs 6, 7, 9, and 11. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)

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V-27	6 May 2026	8:00-9:15	Science Popularization Empowering Scientific and Technological Innovation and Application	China Research Institute for Science Popularization; CAST UN Consultative Committee on Scientific Literacy; Chinese Care and Compassion Society; Centre for Global Science and Epistemic Justice, University of Kent; Andean Road Countries for Science and Technology	This side event brings together multiple stakeholders to explore pathways for science popularization to empower science technology innovation. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-10	6 May 2026	8:00-9:30	Scaling Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Capacity Building: lessons learnt, gaps and the way forward	UN Interagency Task Team on STI for SDGs Workstream 6 on Capacity Building (UN-IATT WS6); UNESCO, UNU-MERIT, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNEP, UNESCWA, UNECE, UNECA, EC-JRC, University of Sussex	By bringing together policymakers, regional organizations, UN agencies, and development partners, the event will discuss current gaps and the way forward for STI policy capacity building efforts. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept Note)
V-25	6 May 2026	8:00-10:00	One Health and Transformative Innovation: Advancing the Equitable Elimination of Tropical Diseases to Achieve the 2030 Agenda	China Association for Science and Technology (CAST); CAST UN Consultative Committee on Life Science and Human Health; Chinese Preventive Medicine Association; One Health WG of WFPFA; School of Global Health-CTDR-SJTUSM; One Health Center, SJTU-UoE; National Institute of Parasitic Diseases at China CDC	Aligned with 2026 STI Forum, this side event explores transformative, equitable & coordinated solutions for tropical disease elimination using One Health, with expert consensus accelerating SDGs. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)

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V-02	6 May 2026	8:30-9:45	Water Security for Prosperity: Powering Africa's Development Through Clean Water & Sanitation	South African Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI); South African Water Research Commission (WRC), World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO) Committee on Engineering Capacity Building (WFEO-CECB), and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)	The virtual side event will focus on SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation exploring how governments, entities, academia, private sectors, etc. can strengthen capacity across Water and Sanitation domains. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-21	6 May 2026	8:30-9:45	Youth Driving the Future: Coordinated Science, Technology and Innovation for Infrastructure, Communities and Partnerships	Universal Versatile Society (UVS or UV Society); Young Professionals for Agricultural Development, Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security, SDG7 Youth Constituency, The World AgriFood Innovation Conference, SDSN Youth, Ecocode, Youth Peace & Leadership Organization, CliMates, Eminate	Under the STI Forum's theme, this panel unites diverse youth leaders to tackle gaps in climate action, break silos, boost cooperation and drive SDG progress for an equitable and resilient future. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-15	6 May 2026	9:00-10:00	The Arab African Dialogue on the Latest Advancements in Science, Technology and Innovation for Development	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA) & United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UN-ECA)	ESCWA-ECA led Arab-African dialogue on STI advancements for SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17 through interregional cooperation, knowledge exchange and partnerships. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)

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V-11	6 May 2026	9:00-10:15	Smart Warnings, Safe Futures: Can Science and Innovation protect Everyone from Hydro-meteorological hazards?	World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Government of Netherlands, Netherlands Red Cross, Ghana Meteorological Agency(GMet), ICPAC, HKV, Kenya Red Cross	Science, technology and innovation helps in early warning services, empowering communities worldwide to anticipate hydro-meteorological hazards and build safer, more resilient futures for all. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-19	6 May 2026	9:00-10:15	Empowering an Artificial Intelligence Revolution-- Construction of Interconnected Power Infrastructure & the Path for Energy Transition	Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO); UNDP, SEforALL, Secretariat Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Council of Engineers for the Energy Transition (CEET), Renewable Energy Policy Network	GEIDCO will host a side event on leveraging AI and international cooperation to drive an equitable, innovative, and sustainable global energy transition in support of key SDGs. (Website Contact Meeting Link)
V-12	6 May 2026	10:00-11:15	Advancing Inclusive Science Systems: Collective Action to Close the Gender Gap	UNESCO; Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD)	A dialogue on the power of collective action across the STI ecosystem to advance gender equality in science and strengthen inclusive science systems for the SDGs. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note).

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V-22	6 May 2026	13:15-14:45	Inclusive, Worker-Centered Innovation for Resilient Communities	International Psychoanalytical Association Trust; Mechanism, Northland Workforce Training Center and New American Manufacturing Renaissance	The panel examines revitalization in Buffalo, NY and other post-industrial cities as more than economic opportunity, framing it as a question of how people relate to place. (Website Contact Meeting Link)
V-18	6 May 2026	10:00-11:15	Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Clinical Medical and Surgical Practice	Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC); Children's Hospital Los Angeles, California (USA), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and University of Southern California (USC), USA; Westfield State University (WSU)	Artificial Intelligence (AI) is borderless technology; and AI development is under control of multinational tech giants – driven more by profit than public interest. Let us guide AI advances. (Website Contact Meeting Link)
V-14	6 May 2026	13:15-14:45	Strategizing AI in Education: Opportunities and Risks	UNDESA EAPD DRB; The Hope Group	Experts will discuss the unprecedented risks and opportunities that generative AI presents to the education sector, as well as evidence-based recommendations to navigate these complexities. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)

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V-20	6 May 2026	18:00-19:00	Bridging the Translation Gap: Generative AI and Storytelling for Equitable Water Resilience	UNISC International; Water Storytellers Collective, Wetskills International, Wavemakers United	This session will convene AI developers, policy researchers, and youth leaders to share best practices for ethically deploying AI as a Digital Public Good. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-03	7 May 2026	8:00-9:15	Research and Technology Infrastructure as enablers of Ukraine's modern and sustainable recovery	European Union Delegation to the United Nations in New York; European Commission, DG RTD	The event will highlight how strengthened STI capacities, resilient research infrastructures, and innovation-driven industrial development can support recovery and accelerate progress towards SDG9. (Website Contact Concept note)
V-26	7 May 2026	8:00-10:00	Climate Change and Health: Solutions Advancing SDG11 Building a Resilient Public Health System	Chinese Preventive Medicine Association (CPMA); CAST UN Consultative Committee on Life Science and Human Health	This side event brings global experts to explore climate-resilient health strategies—early warning, green infrastructure, and inclusive planning—to build safe, sustainable cities under SDG11. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)

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V-07	7 May 2026	8:30-9:30	Scaling What Matters: Innovation for a Changing World	UN Global Pulse; FAO, OHCHR, WFP	UN Global Pulse convenes FAO, OHCHR & WFP to showcase AI, data and digital innovations scaling impact across the UN system. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-36	7 May 2026	8:30-9:45	A knowledge agenda for development, to 2030 and beyond	International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions; Speakers: Elsevier, Wikimedia, Makerere University, SDSN, ISC	What policy approaches does a post-2030 world need to realise the multi-dimensional potential of knowledge to drive inclusion, development and sustainability? (Website Contact Meeting Link)
V-16	7 May 2026	9:00-10:15	Open Science for Future Generations: Equity, Access, and Local Knowledge	UN Dag Hammarskjöld Library of the Department of Global Communications; UNESCO	This panel explores how open science policies and infrastructures can reduce systemic inequities and empower early-career researchers as full participants in the scientific enterprise. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-38	7 May 2026	10:00-11:15	Science, Technology and Innovation for Water Security and SDG6	UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme	This side event will focus on the critical role of STI for water security, present examples and successful case studies on the role of STI in the water sector and explore ways on how emerging technologies can be used to strengthen water governance and policy, and to foster progress on SDG6. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept Note)

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V-04	7 May 2026	13:15-14:15	Building Genomic Sovereignty in Africa: Regional Sequencing Platforms for Pandemic Preparedness and One Health	International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB); BETIn, Africa CDC, University of Maiduguri	Discussion on strengthening pandemic preparedness in Africa using a One Health approach: boosting local sequencing, training, data sharing, and collaboration through an East African network. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-24	7 May 2026	13:15-14:45	Weaving Knowledge and Innovation: Artisanal Intelligence, Knowledge Sovereignty and Ethical AI for Transformative STI Ecosystems	NGo Hecho por nosotros; animana, ashoka, Centro Mexicano de Divulgación Científica	Ethical AI and ancestral knowledge are integrated to preserve culture, strengthen local ecosystems, and position Indigenous communities as leading the systemic global change advancing the 2030 agenda. (Website Contact Meeting Link Concept note)
V-39	6 May 2026	9:00-10:15	Responsible Artificial Intelligence, Territorial Innovation and Environmental Education: Mobilizing Youth and Partnerships to Accelerate SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17	Fondation Mohammed VI pour la Protection de l'Environnement (FM6E) and the Centre International Hassan II de Formation à l'Environnement (CIH2FE), in partnership with the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations, UNDP, UNESCO, the Major Group for Children and Youth, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University / AI Movement (UNESCO Category 2 Centre), the African Youth Climate Hub (AYCH), and the African Green Universities and Youth Education Network (AGUYEN).	An interactive roundtable bringing together governments, international organizations, youth networks and technology actors to explore how responsible AI and digital innovation can accelerate the implementation of SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17. (Meeting Link Contact)

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