

## Webinar on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs and recovery from COVID-19

**10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020**

**9:30 AM – 11:00 AM (EDT, NEW YORK TIME)**

*Concept Note and Agenda*

### BACKGROUND

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development launched the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the UN Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM) to support their implementation (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/tfm>). Thousands of STI stakeholders have been active contributors to the TFM, including through participating in the annual Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (STI Forum) which, every year since 2016, has provided key inputs to the review of the SDGs at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, ECOSOC has postponed the 2020 STI Forum (originally scheduled over 12-13 May).

At this time, science and technology are essential to humanity's collective response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is more urgent than ever to have multi-stakeholder cooperation to help address the current crisis, mitigate its longer-term impacts, lead the way towards a sustainable recovery and prepare for future challenges that can threaten progress on the 2030 Agenda.

In response to a recent call by the President of ECOSOC for online stakeholder consultations in preparation for the science, technology and innovation (STI) components of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable development (HLPF), DESA/DSDG together with the Interagency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (IATT) is reaching out to all interested STI stakeholders through an online survey, available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SH-STIHLPF2020>

This webinar complements the survey to focus on selected topics of critical importance for advancing the SDGs while combating the COVID pandemic. It will discuss improving the impact of STI on the SDGs; universal access and use of vaccines; technology solutions and innovations for COVID-19 and SDGs, and other exciting STI initiatives.

### WEBINAR – 10 JUNE 2020

This webinar will be held on **10 June 2020, from 9:30AM to 11:00AM (EDT)**, to discuss challenges, STI-based solutions and partnerships for the SDGs and COVID-19 recovery. It will contribute towards the inputs for the science, technology and innovation components of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in 2020.

## PARTICIPATION

The Webinar is open to all and will be streamed through WebEx. We invite all interested policy makers, scientists, engineers, innovators, entrepreneurs, and organized science communities, to join the discussion. The inputs will complement the broader thematic online consultations for the HLPF.

Call in details and link are available below.

## DRAFT AGENDA

**Moderator:** DSDG

<b>9:30 – 9:35 AM</b>	<b>Introductory remarks by Mr. Alex Trepelkov</b> , OIC, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA
<b>9:35 – 9:40 AM</b>	<b>Welcome remarks by Mr. Liu Zhenmin</b> , Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UN DESA
<b>9:40 - 9:45 AM</b>	<b>Brief remarks by Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee</b> , Chief, Integrated Policy and Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA and <b>Ms. Shamika Sirimanne</b> , Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
<b>9:45 – 09:55 AM</b>	<b>Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs and COVID-19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Kenji Shibuya</b>, Professor and Head, Institute for Population Health, King’s College London, UK, and Senior Advisor to the Director-General of the WHO</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Vaughan Turekian</b>, Senior Director at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine</li> </ul>
<b>09:55 – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Discussants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Stephen Bereaux</b>, Deputy to the Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Markus Woltran</b>, Programme Officer, Office of the Director (OD), United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)</li> </ul>
<b>10:00 – 10:20 AM</b>	<b>Technology and Innovation: Solutions for the Decade of Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Alessandro Marcello</b>, Group Leader, Molecular Virology, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Jean-Pierre Cayol</b>, Departmental Programme Coordinator for the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications, IAEA</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Mr. Naveen Bali</b>, Chief Operating Officer, Bempu Health</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Emily Cody</b>, Director of Program Development, Peripheral Vision International</li> </ul>
<b>10:20 – 10:22 AM</b>	<p><b>Discussant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Douglas Ragan</b>, Children and Youth Specialist, UN-Habitat</li> </ul>
<b>10:22-10:55 AM</b>	<b>Interventions from selected speakers</b>
<b>10:55 – 11:00 AM</b>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee</b>, Chief, Integrated Policy and Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA</p>

**More Information:** <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/tfm>