Thematic review Report of the STI Forum

Friday, 12 July 2019, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, Conference Room 4

An objective of the session is to review the key findings and outcomes of the 2019 Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for the Sustainable Development Goals. The co-Chairs of the STI Forum will present the mandated Summary of the "Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs", the theme of which in 2019 was "STI for ensuring inclusiveness and equality, with a special focus on SDGs 4, 8, 10, 13, and 16".

The 2030 Agenda launched a UN Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM), which comprises a United Nations Interagency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (IATT), a collaborative Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (STI Forum), and an online platform as a gateway for information on existing STI initiatives, mechanisms and programs. The TFM now facilitates multi-stakeholder collaboration and partnerships through the sharing of information, experiences, best practices and policy advice among Member States, civil society, the private sector, the scientific community, UN entities and other stakeholders. Despite limited resources, significant progress has been made towards a full operationalization of the TFM.

In view of the SDG Summit in September 2019 and the expected review of the SDGs this year, the session will take-stock of where we are after three years of the TFM and discuss ideas for the way forward and for an effective, science-based, solutions-oriented, multi-stakeholder and collaborative TFM. The TFM 10-Member Advisory Group will further engage in the discussions.

Proposed guiding questions:

- What are the key findings and recommendations from the 2019 STI Forum?
- What international collaborations or mechanisms are needed for exchange of experiences and partnerships on STI for SDGs?
- How can we mobilize science, technology and innovation to improve the lives of the furthest behind? How could to raise adequate resources for the TFM of the future?
- What are your three most important recommendations for concrete action? What is the best way forward?

Presentation:

 H.E. Ms. H. Elizabeth Thompson, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations, Co-Chair of the 2019 Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for the Sustainable Development Goals

Moderator:

 H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations, Co-Chair of the 2019 Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for the Sustainable Development Goals

Panellists:

- Mr. Vaughan Turekian, Co-Chair of the 10-Member Advisory Group; and Executive Director Policy and Global Affairs National Academies of Sciences Engineering and Medicine, USA
- Mr. Paulo Gadelha, Member of the 10 Member Group, Coordinator of the FIOCRUZ Strategy for the 2030 Agenda, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ), Brazil
- Mr. Kazuhiko Takeuchi, President of the Institute for Global Environment Strategies of Japan

Lead discussant:

Ms. Marlene Kanga, President of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations (MGoS)

Followed by interactive discussion

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