

EST	<i>side events (subject to resources)</i>	Agenda for the Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (STI Forum) 2025 <i>Advancing sustainable, inclusive, and evidence-based science and technology solutions and innovations for the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs for leaving no one behind</i>			
	Tuesday 6 May	Wednesday 7 May		Thursday 8 May	
8:00 - 10:00	Virtual and off-site side events	Virtual and off-site side events		Virtual and off-site side events	
10:00 - 13:00	STI Action Day side events and pre-Forum Networking	<p>10:00 – 11:00 Welcome and opening <i>Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the STI Forum - learning from 10 years of leveraging STI for the SDGs</i> UN Secretary-General, President of ECOSOC, President of the General Assembly (tbc) 1-2 Keynote speaker(s) Co-chairs of the 10-Member-Group of High-level Representatives</p> <p>The opening will also reflect on STI progress made over the past 10 years, and how to turbocharge STI for SDG delivery and Pact implementation.</p> <p>In the context of a revitalization of STI commitments in the Pact of the Future, and after 10 years of lessons in strengthening the contributions of science to SDG progress, the next 5 years to 2030 will require bold and creative action to overcome persistent impediments to innovation nurturing, technology diffusion and science collaboration. SDG achievement depends on an enabling environment for harnessing STI solutions.</p> <p>11:00 – 13:00 Ministerial session <i>Harnessing science and technology for the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions</i> Ministers, Forum Co-Chairs, CSTD chair, USG of Economic and Social Affairs.</p>		<p>10:00 - 11:30 Session 2: Advancing science, technology and innovation for gender equality As called for in the Pact of the Future, this session will identify ways to close the gender digital divide and to advance leadership in STI for women and girls. It will focus on removing barriers to the full, equal and meaningful access to and participation and leadership in education, employment and research in STEM fields and will also consider how to ensure that advances in technology do not amplify gender inequalities or introduce new risks and challenges for women.</p> <p>11:30 - 13:00 Session 3: Leveraging science to conserve, restore and sustainably use the ocean and coastal ecosystems This session examines the latest science and technology solutions for improving the health of the planet and crucial ecosystems including the ocean. It considers the application of emerging technologies like space based remote sensing and satellite data, as well as technologies that show promise for enabling circular economy approaches or addressing the pollution of air, land and soil, fresh water and the ocean. It also considers practical approaches to deployment by using open science, open-source technologies and open innovation.</p>	
13:15 - 14:45		Special event by 10-Member-Group of High-level Representatives (tbc)	Side events	Special event by the interagency IATT (tbc)	Side events
15:00 - 18:00	Special meeting on AI convened by ECOSOC President	<p>15:00 – 18:00 Session 1: Making artificial intelligence (AI) accessible, inclusive and beneficial for all Part 1 explores actionable pathways for AI to reduce inequalities, promote innovation, and empower communities worldwide, in line with sustainable development and the well-being and rights of individuals. Discussions delve into the technical, ethical, and societal dimensions of democratizing AI applications and capabilities, highlighting approaches that ensure open and equitable access, affordability, transparency, accountability, and utility for diverse contexts and populations. Building on the Pact for the Future, this session will explore bridging AI gaps including through policy exchanges, knowledge-sharing, training, and preventing brain drain.</p> <p>Part 2 will highlight solutions and breakthroughs in AI that are currently improving work conditions, creating jobs and supporting economic growth as well as advancing health and well-being. Examples will be showcased in access to healthcare services and social protection, and in entrepreneurial ecosystems including in developing countries. It will also consider examples of national capacity development and funding models for promising applications.</p>		<p>15:00 – 17:30 Session 4: Scaling up STI financing, capacity building, and strengthening research infrastructures for sustainable development In follow up to the Pact of the Future and in preparation for the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4), this session focuses on ways to scale up financing from all sources for scientific research and research infrastructures that support sustainable development. It will consider how to increase opportunities for research cooperation, especially in developing countries, as well as how to attract private sector investment in STI and how to deepen public-private partnerships.</p> <p>17:30 – 18:00 Closing Forum Co-Chairs, Co-chair of the 10-Member-Group, President of ECOSOC</p>	
18:00 - 19:00	Virtual and off-site side events	Special event by Forum Co-chairs: Innovating, connecting and scaling up STI solutions – Networking reception		Virtual and off-site side events	

Notes:

- Speakers will be balanced by expertise, region, gender and age. 10-Members substantively lead the thematic sessions and speak in or moderate the sessions, in line with past practice.
- Official sessions will be in person with limited online participation. Special events will be hybrid with a mix of in-person and online speakers and are without interpretation. Side events can be either fully in-person, hybrid or fully online.
- Thematic sessions relate to the theme of the 2025 HLPF and consider how STI can contribute to progress in the SDGs under review at the HLPF this year - SDGs 3, 5, 8, 14 and 17. Additionally, the thematic sessions will consider cross-cutting issues such as gender and STI, emerging and digital technologies, STI roadmaps, youth, and science and tech futures, in line with ongoing IATT work. Thematic sessions build on a range of recent scientific-technological breakthroughs in sustainability and materials science, social science, AI, biotech, space tech, and energy & climate-compatible technologies. They are also informed by follow-up to the UN Summit of the Future, and preparations for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, the UN Oceans Conference, and the Second World Summit for Social Development.
- The 10-Member-Group suggests organizing the sessions with a focus on scientific breakthroughs for a sustainable, safe and just future for all, and spanning the range of discussions from basic needs and related human rights to global sustainability solutions.
- The 10-Member-Group will prepare an overall background note to support discussions in the Forum, and work in cooperation with IATT experts to prepare session notes. IATT will issue open calls for innovations and for peer-reviewed science-policy briefs to bring the latest insights from science and frontier technologies to the Forum.
- Exhibitions, special events and side events can be organized during the STI Forum to further draw attention to important thematic topics.
- During the “STI week” from 6 to 8 May 2025, additional events on various STI4SDG issues are encouraged and can be linked to the STI Forum.