



UN Inter-agency Task
Team on Science,
Technology and
Innovation for the
SDGs



DRAFT AGENDA

“STI Roadmaps for SDGs – paving the pathways for sustainable recovery and future resilience”

High-level HLPF side event co-organized by the Government of Serbia/METD, EC – JRC, UN DESA, the Government of Japan/JST

Date: 7 July

Time: 08:00 – 09:00 a.m. EDT/14.00-15.00 CEST

Venue: Virtual Meeting (Microsoft teams)

Registration link:

<https://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/-/sti?inheritRedirect=true>

Background

The Addis Ababa Action Agenda¹ recognises science, technology and innovation as a means to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As part of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM), the UN Inter-agency Task Team (IATT), together with partners such as the Government of Japan and the European Commission’s Joint Research Centre, have been working towards developing STI Roadmaps for SDGs. Expert consultations in New York, Tokyo, Brussels, Nairobi and during virtual events² led to the development of a joint guidebook, two background papers and shaped cooperation with selected countries in this field. A Global Pilot Programme on STI for SDGs roadmaps was announced during the HLPF, in July 2019, focusing on 5 pilot countries: Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, India and Serbia.

The virtual event will present the results and bring together the perspectives and lessons learnt from the UN Global Pilot Programme on STI for SDGs Roadmaps. The presentation will include the Guidebook for the preparation of the STI for SDGs Roadmaps and the methodological approaches used in the pilot countries, including the updated EU Smart Specialisation Strategies piloted in Serbia. The representatives of the pilot countries will present their achievements, main challenges and lessons learnt. These perspectives will be used to discuss the possible pathways to greener and more sustainable post-pandemic reality and recovery.

In the midst of the current COVID-19 pandemic, it is more urgent than ever to mobilize Science, Technology and Innovation and multi-stakeholder cooperation to help address the current crisis, mitigate its longer-term impacts, and prepare for future challenges that can threaten progress on the 2030 Agenda.

¹ https://www.un.org/esa/ffd/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/AAAA_Outcome.pdf

² <https://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/-/smart-specialisation-and-sdgs?inheritRedirect=true&redirect=%2Fsustainable-development-goals>

Objective

This meeting will discuss the role of STI for SDGs Roadmaps in the post-COVID 19 recovery context. It will present the achievements of IATT STI for SDGs work stream and, in particular the main findings of the Background paper: **Overview of the existing STI roadmapping methodologies**.

This will be a basis to discuss the potential application of the STI for SDGs roadmaps to support the economic and social recovery and greener development models based on the experience of IATT partners and the countries participating in the Global Pilot Programme on STI for SDGs Roadmaps.

Participation

The virtual event will bring together high-level speakers from the EU and UN and the UN Member States. It is directed to the countries and organizations interested in applying science, technology and innovation in order to achieve SDGs, respond to the development challenges and contribute to the post-crises recovery and resilience in a sustainable and knowledge-based manner.

Key issues to focus

- The role of STI for SDGs Roadmaps in increasing the development of national STI systems, mapping the STI capacities and stakeholders and facilitating evidence – informed policy making and better cooperation in crises
- STI for SDGs Roadmaps as potential pathways to sustainable recovery and future resilience
- Preparing to the implementation of STI for SDGs roadmaps and learning from practical experiences and success stories

Deliverable

Conclusions on how to apply the experience of international organizations and UN Member States on using science, technology and innovation to achieve SDGs to build pathways to sustainable recovery and future resilience.

Agenda

Event moderator: **Wei Liu**, Technology Facilitation Mechanism Coordinator, Sustainable Development Officer, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), United Nations Headquarters

08:00 a.m. EDT/14.00 CEST

Welcoming address

H.E. Slavica Djukic-Dejanovic, Minister without portfolio in charge of Demography and population policy, Government of Republic of Serbia (confirmed)

08:05 a.m. EDT/14.05 CEST

The Global Pilot Programme on STI for SDGs Roadmaps: main results and next steps

UN IATT representative (UNESCO – tbc)

- 08:10 a.m. EDT/14.10 CEST **The methodologies for STI for SDGs roadmaps**
Dr Monika Matusiak, Coordinator for Smart Specialisation and Sustainable Development Goals, European Commission - Joint Research Centre (confirmed)
- 08:17 a.m. EDT/14.17 CEST **STI for SDGs Roadmaps in Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Kenya and Serbia**
Speakers (tbc):
H.E **Afewerk Kassu Gizaw** - State Minister of Science and Higher Education (MoSHE) of the Federal Democratic Republic of **Ethiopia** (tbc)
Viktor Nedovic, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Serbia (confirmed)
Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India (confirmed)
Wilhelmina Quaye, Director of the CSIR-Science and Technology Policy Research Institute, Accra, Ghana (confirmed)
Tom Peter Migun Ogada, Executive Director, African Centre for Technology Studies, Kenya (tbc)
- 08:40 a.m. EDT/14.40 CEST **Lessons learnt from the Global Pilot programme**
Mr. SATO, Fumikazu, Councillor for Innovation Promotion, Cabinet Secretariat / Deputy Director General for Science, Technology and Innovation, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan (confirmed)
- 08:50 a.m. EDT/14.55 CEST **Conclusions from Global Pilot Programme for IATT members and partners**
Clovis Freire Junior, Economic Affairs Officer, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
Fernando Santiago Rodriguez, Research and Industrial Policy Officer, Research and Industrial Policy Advice Division, UNIDO
Kornelia Tzinova, Assistant Programme Specialist, Division of Science Policy and Capacity-Building, UNESCO
Rui Kotani, Science and Technology Specialist, The World Bank
Monika Matusiak, Coordinator for Smart Specialisation and Sustainable Development Goals, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- 08:55 a.m. EDT/14.55 CEST **Closing remarks**
Alessandro Rainoldi, Head of Territorial Development Unit, Joint Research Centre, European Commission (confirmed)