

DRAFT AGENDA

EST		Side events subject to resources		OFFICIAL 2026 STI FORUM DAYS		
		Theme: Transformative, equitable and coordinated science, technology and innovation for the 2030 Agenda and a sustainable future for all				
		Tuesday 5 May	Wednesday 6 May	Thursday 7 May		
8:00 - 10:00		Side events (virtual or off-site)	Side events (virtual or off-site)	Side events (virtual or off-site)		
10:00-13:00		Side events	<p>10:00 – 11:15 <u>Welcome and opening</u></p> <p>High-level opening Keynote(s)</p> <p>11:15 – 13:00 <u>Ministerial session: Strengthening the science-policy nexus to drive sustainable development</u></p>	<p>10:00 – 13:00 <u>Session 2: Powering sustainable development through clean energy technologies for affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all</u></p> <p><u>Panel 1</u> will explore policy solutions for affordable and clean energy technologies (SDG 7) to be deployed at scale - especially in Sub-Saharan Africa – to provide affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all and support inclusive growth, industrial development, climate action and sustainable urbanization.</p> <p><u>Panel 2</u> will examine new and promising innovations in energy infrastructure, innovation, and sustainable industrialization (SDG 9), alongside urban energy access, transport, buildings, and air quality (SDG 11). It will highlight decentralized energy solutions, city-led clean and sustainable energy innovations, closing affordability gaps, and successful approaches for integrated clean and sustainable energy planning and financing.</p>		
13:15-14:45		Side events	Side events	Side events		
15:00-18:00		Side events	<p>15:00 – 18:00 <u>Session 1: Transforming water systems with science, technology and innovation</u></p> <p><u>Panel 1</u> will examine the latest developments in science, technology and innovation (STI) with strong potential for accelerating progress in the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation (SDG 6), complementing themes of the 2026 UN Water Conference.</p> <p><u>Panel 2</u> will explore STI opportunities for water infrastructure and service delivery (SDG 9) and the role of cities as STI solution accelerators (SDG 11). It will consider solutions related to informal settlements, livelihoods, gender equality, climate resilience, data center demands, and digital and nature-based approaches.</p>	<p>15:00 – 17:15 <u>Session 3: Shaping the future of science, technology and innovation for sustainable development in times of uncertainty and change</u></p> <p>This forward-looking session will consider how science, technology, and innovation (STI) can help decisionmakers anticipate and respond to systemic risks to sustainable development in an era of rapid change. Discussions will address strengthening foresight, governance, trust, planning through STI roadmaps, and international cooperation to steer innovation, including Artificial Intelligence, toward resilience, equity, and sustainability to 2030 and beyond. Finally, the session will bring together input from regional and global STI-related forums, conferences, and expert groups, IATT, 10MG, and scientific and engineering communities.</p> <p>17:15 – 18:00 <u>Closing</u></p>		
18:00-19:00		Side events (virtual or off-site)	Side events (virtual or off-site)	Side events (virtual or off-site)		

Notes:

- Thematic sessions relate to the theme of the 2026 HLPF and consider how STI can contribute to progress in the SDGs under review at the 2026 HLPF including SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11, 17. Additionally, the thematic sessions will consider cross-cutting issues such as gender, youth, digital inclusiveness, emerging technologies & AI, STI roadmaps & implementation. Thematic sessions build on a range of recent scientific-technological breakthroughs and innovative solutions. They are also informed by follow-up to the Pact for the Future, the Sevilla Commitment, the UN Ocean Conference, and the Second World Summit for Social Development, in addition to other recent and upcoming high-level events like the UN Water Conference.
- Subject to availability of resources, exhibitions, special events and side events can be organized during the STI Forum to further draw attention to important thematic topics.
- Official sessions will be in person and with interpretation. Special events can be hybrid but are without interpretation. Side events can be either fully in-person, hybrid or fully online.