United Nations Call for Science-Policy Briefs for the

Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs 2023

Deadline for abstracts is 16 February and for full draft submissions is 10 March 2023

The UN Interagency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (IATT) is calling upon scientists, engineers, economists, policy analysts, and UN staff experts to contribute **science-policy briefs on science and technology issues that they would like to bring to the attention of policy and decision makers.** The briefs will inform the *Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs* (STI Forum), to be held at UN Headquarters in New York from 3 to 4 May 2023. They will be considered for inclusion in UN reports and provide perspectives of scientists, engineers and innovators to the *High-level Political Forum* in July and the *SDG Summit* in September 2023. The SDG Summit will mark the mid-term towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs, 2015-2030), and it is an occasion to review progress in science and technology for sustainable development and to chart the way forward in terms of key milestones towards 2030 and beyond.

Themes: We are looking for substantive contributions in either one of the following areas on issues that you would like to bring to the attention of policy makers:

(a) **Rapidly emerging frontier technologies and emerging science issues and sustainable development**
(b) **Lessons for improving the science-policy-society interfaces**
(c) **Review of progress in science, technology and innovation, and looking ahead to 2030 and beyond**

Theme (a) focuses on rapidly emerging science and technologies that progress so fast and have such broad-ranging socio-economic and environmental impacts that they pose serious challenges for societies and institutions to adapt. Examples include - but are not necessarily limited to - highly interdependent, emerging technology clusters in the areas of automation, robotics, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, nanomaterials, and various digital technologies.

Theme (b) looks for assessments of what has worked and what hasn't in the context of science-policy advice and explores innovative solutions for better science-policy-society interfaces. Contributions can also address important related issues, such as science diplomacy, public trust in science and R&D support.

Theme (c) looks for contributions in one or more of the following areas: (a) Assessing science technology and innovation (STI) progress for the SDGs – what has been achieved since 2015 and what are the gaps? (b) Vision on harnessing STI for the SDGs by 2030 and beyond; and (c) Proposals for key STI milestones, performance targets, high-impact techs and scientific breakthroughs, and proposals for science and tech policy and cooperation until 2030 and beyond. These inputs will be considered for the STI4SDG review and global STI4SDG roadmap currently under development.

Format: We are looking for **concise contributions of around 1,600 words** (excluding references and Annexes) in the form of science-policy briefs, **comprising abstract, outline of empirical facts and issues, and policy recommendations**. **Prospective and scenario-based work is equally encouraged.** Authorship will be fully acknowledged. The contributions would ideally be grounded in peer-reviewed literature. They would be quantitative comprising tables, figures or infographics, as appropriate. Samples of the science-policy briefs from the previous year are available [here](#).

Submissions will be peer-reviewed. Upon review and acceptance, individual contributions will be posted on the UN Website as standalone briefs and considered for inclusion in UN and IATT reports. With your submission, you also permit us to use and consider them for other UN system reports and presentations.

Timeline: We are looking forward to your submissions to roehrl@un.org, freire@un.org and carlos.leiva@unctad.org. Abstracts (~200-400 words) and expressions of interest are due by 16 Feb. 2023 and full contributions (1,600 words) by 10 March 2023. Late submissions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.