

Multi-stakeholder workshop on the roadmap to support STI parks in Ghana Draft Programme

12-14 August 2025

Accra, Ghana

Venue: Council for Scientific and Industrial Research - Science and Technology Policy Research Institute (CSIR-STEPRI), Opeibea, Adjacent Alliance Francianse

Objective. The Multi-Stakeholder Workshop on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Park Policies and Practices aims to advance the development of STI parks in Ghana by fostering stakeholder consensus on the way forward, building on insights from previous capacity-building workshops in China and Ghana. The workshop will support the development of a draft STI park roadmap and action plan, ensuring alignment with national innovation priorities. It will focus on international best practices, financial and non-financial support mechanisms, technology transfer and commercialization, incubation and acceleration, investment attraction and multi-stakeholder collaboration. Through expert presentations, case studies and interactive discussions, participants will engage in identifying challenges, proposing solutions and strengthening partnerships to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of STI parks in Ghana.

Target audience. This multi-stakeholder workshop will bring together key actors involved in STI park development and policymaking in Ghana, including:

- Policymakers, including representatives from the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, the Ministry of Industry, the Ministry of Finance and other relevant government agencies
- STI park managers, incubator and accelerator operators, including representatives from full-fledged STI parks, technology parks, innovation hubs, incubators, start-up studios, industrial techno-parks and special economic zones or free trade zones hosting STI-related activities
- Industry representatives, such as members of industrial associations
- Startups and firms operating in STI parks, incubators and accelerators
- Women entrepreneurs' Association and Youth entrepreneurs' Association
- Academia, researchers and experts engaged in STI-focused policy and STI park development

The diverse mix of participants will help strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships, which are essential for ensuring the long-term success of STI parks as drivers of innovation-led economic growth in Ghana.

DAY 1: International Best Practices and Lessons for Ghana

08:30–09:00 Arrival and Registration

09:00–09:30 OPENING CEREMONY

- Welcome remarks by **Dr. Wilhemina QUAYE**, Director of Council for Scientific and Industrial Research-Science and Technology Policy Research Institute (CSIR-STEPRI)
- Opening remarks by **Ms. Liping ZHANG**, Chief of STI for Development, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
- Special address by **Mr. Charles ABANI**, UN Resident Coordinator, Ghana
- Keynote address by **H.E. Mr Ibrahim Murtala MUHAMMED**, Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, Ghana

09:30–11:00 Session 1: Key Elements for successful STI parks

- Presentation by International expert 1
- Discussion and Q&A

11:00–11:15 Coffee Break

11:15–12:45 Session 2: Key Elements for successful STI parks (cont.)

- Presentation by International expert 2
- Discussion and Q&A

12:45–14:00 Lunch Break

14:00–14:45 Session 3: Ghana's STI Park Policies and Current Landscape

- Presentation by Ghana STI Parks project team
- Discussion & Q&A

14:45–15:45 Session 4: Identifying Areas for Improvement in Ghana's STI Parks

Group Discussion

15:45–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–17:00 Session 5: Priorities for Ghana's STI Park Roadmap

Plenary Discussion

17:00 *End of Day 1*

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DAY 2: Building the Roadmap Together

09:00–09:30

Arrival and Registration

09:30–11:45

Session 6: Group discussions

11:45–12:00

Coffee Break

12:00–13:00

Group discussions (continued)

13:00–14:00

Lunch Break

14:00–15:30

Group discussions (continued)

15:30 – 15:45

Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:00

Session 7: Preparing the Roadmap

- Led by the Project team in Ghana

17:00

End of Day 2

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DAY 3: Finalization of Roadmap/Action Plan

09:00–09:30

Arrival and Registration

09:30–11:45

Session 8: Reviewing the Draft STI Park Roadmap

- *Presentation by Ghana STI Parks project team*
- **Open Discussion & Consensus-Building**

11:45–12:00

Coffee Break

12:00–12:55

Session 9: Presentation of the Final Roadmap

- *Ghana STI Parks project team*

12:55–13:00

Closing remarks

- *Ms. Liping ZHANG, Chief of STI for Development, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD*

13:00

End of the Workshop (Buffet lunch)