

**Monday 6 June 2016**

**13:15-14:30**

Roundtable discussion

Conference room 11



## Practical responses to policy challenges: ensuring STI support the SDGs

Policy makers face multiple challenges for ensuring that science, technology and innovation (STI) contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Some of these include:

- Strengthening domestic innovation capabilities
- Building consensus on priority areas and resource allocation
- Identifying financial resources for sustainable investments
- Reworking institutional frameworks to enable the design and implementation of sound innovation policies
- Addressing inconsistent policy objectives, particularly in contexts of limited evidence and of weak policy-making capacities

This event will share practical experiences on how international organizations, donor agencies, and training institutions are collaborating to support countries in the strengthening of their STI policy-making capacities. Experts will showcase country cases from Africa, Latin America, and Western Asia with the aim to share practical responses and lessons learned.

Organized by UNCTAD in collaboration with ESCWA, ILO and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

*Sandwiches and drinks will be offered to participants by the Vienna cafe.*

### Opening by

- **Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier**, Chief, UNCTAD New York Office

### Welcoming remarks by

- **Ms. Dong Wu**, Chief, Science and Technology Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

### Interactive discussion moderated by

- **Ms. Marta Pérez Cusó**, UNCTAD

### Panellists

Promoting innovation in the government sector

- **H.E. Huda Al Hashimi**, Executive Director, Mohammed bin Rashid Centre for Government Innovation, United Arab Emirates

Networking as an instrument for policy learning

- **Mr. Romain Murenzi**, UN 10-MG TFM; Executive Director, The World Academy of Sciences

Responding to STI policy challenges in the Arab region

- **Mr. Haidar Fraihat**, Director, Technology for Development Division, UN-ESCWA

Ensuring policy coherence: creating employment and enhancing productivity

- **Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro**, Special Representative to the United Nations and Director, ILO

Strengthening domestic innovation capabilities

- **Ms. Xiaolan Fu**, UN 10-MG TFM; Professor and Director, Technology and Management Centre for Development, Oxford University

Creating spaces for building consensus in Mexico

- **Ms. Gabriela Dutrenit**, Professor Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico

Donor agencies' role on enhancing domestic STI capacities

- **Mr. Norman Schräpel**, Policy Advisor (GIZ) to the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

### Interactive discussion

### Closing remarks

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Register in the STI Forum to be able to attend:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/TFM/STIForum>

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