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The UN Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM) was created by the Addis Ababa Action Agenda to support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and launched by UN General Assembly through the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development in September 2015.

From the outset, DESA in collaboration first with UNEP and then with UNCTAD, has continued to serve as Secretariat for the “Interagency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs” (IATT) and the “Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals”. As mandated, the Forum provides a venue for facilitating interaction, matchmaking and the establishment of networks between relevant stakeholders and multi-stakeholder partnerships in order to identify and examine technology needs and gaps, and also in order to help to facilitate development, transfer and dissemination of relevant technologies for the SDGs. As part of this work, several initiatives such as that of STI roadmaps for the SDGs are under way. Emerging and frontier technologies are also deliberated annually at the Forum. The TFM provides a platform for inter-agency country level engagement as well as global multi-stakeholder deliberations and consensus building on STI for the SDGs including emerging technologies.