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## From policy to impact: The role of parliaments in advancing STI for equitable progress

Organized by the IPU Working Group on Science and Technology in the context of the 11th Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals

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10:00 – 11:30 EST (New York time)

16:00 – 17:30 CEST (Geneva time)

(Virtual event on Zoom)

Concept Note

### Context

The rapid development and deployment of emerging technologies are transforming societies, economies and governance systems worldwide. While these advances offer unprecedented opportunities to accelerate sustainable development, they also raise complex ethical, social and governance challenges that require coordinated global responses. In this context, strengthening dialogue between parliamentarians, the scientific community and other stakeholders has become essential to ensure that science and technology serve the public good and contribute to inclusive and sustainable development.

Against the backdrop of the Forum's focus on advancing more transformative, equitable and coordinated approaches to the global science, technology and innovation (STI) ecosystem, this side event will explore how ethical frameworks and science diplomacy can support more responsible and cooperative approaches to STI governance. In particular, it will highlight the role of the [IPU Charter on the Ethics of Science and Technology](#) as a reference framework for guiding the transparent, accountable and inclusive use of emerging technologies.

By drawing on concrete cases and examples, the event will showcase how science diplomacy, particularly in relation to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on clean water and sanitation, can strengthen international cooperation and multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable development as advocated in SDG 17. Success stories such as the Ocean of Peace Declaration initiated by Fiji and endorsed by the Pacific leaders and the Citizen Science Ireland initiative will be presented to help demonstrate how ethical governance, collaborative knowledge production and global partnerships can reinforce the role of science and technology as drivers of peace, equity and sustainable development.

### Objectives

The primary objective of this event is to foster a multi-stakeholder dialogue on how the *IPU Charter on the Ethics of Science and Technology* can serve as a global benchmark for assessing existing and emerging technologies and ensuring their transparent and accountable deployment.

By bringing together parliamentarians, the scientific community, the private sector, international organizations and civil society, the dialogue will explore how the Charter's provisions on international

cooperation and shared responsibility can strengthen collaboration across the global STI ecosystem and support the ethical governance of emerging technologies.

### Key themes

- Ethical governance of existing and emerging technologies
- Multi-stakeholder dialogue for inclusive and transparent innovation
- International cooperation and regional and global partnerships (SDG 17)
- Citizen science and science diplomacy for sustainable development
- Science and technology as enablers of global peace and solidarity

### Run of show

10:00–10:05	Opening and intro (5 min)
10:05–10:30	<u>Segment 1:</u> (25 min) Presentation of the <i>IPU Charter on the Ethics of Science and Technology</i> and its Article 9 on international cooperation Q&A with participants
10:30–10:55	<u>Segment 2:</u> (25 min) Smooth transition to science diplomacy for equity and the example of the Pacific Ocean of Peace (SDG 6) Q&A with participants
10:55–11:20	<u>Segment 3:</u> (25 min) Citizen science and the example of Citizen Science Ireland and Kenya (SDG 6) Q&A with participants
11:20–11:30	<u>Segment 4:</u> (10 min) Closing summary and takeaways

### Speakers (TBC)

#### Parliamentarians:

Ms. Margareta Cederfelt (MP, Sweden), WGST Chairperson  
Mr. Nophadol In-na (MP, Thailand), WGST Vice-Chairperson  
Ms. Catherine Muyeka Mumma (Senator, Kenya)  
Ms. Mahasen Al-Jaghoub (Senator, Jordan)  
Ms. Sashi Kiran, (MP, Fiji) and Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection

#### Experts:

Mr. Denis Naughten, former MP and former Minister for Communication, Climate Action and Environment, Ireland  
Mr. Rolf-Dieter Heuer, former Director-General of CERN and President of the Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME) Council

**Simultaneous interpretation in English, French, Spanish and Arabic will be provided.**