### 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.

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