

Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs

New York, 15-16 May 2017

Concept note for the

Launch of exhibition of innovative solutions for SDGs 1, 2, 3, 5, 9 and 14

Conference Room 4, UN Headquarters New York, 15 May 2017, 13:15 - 14:30 am

1. Background

In support of the second annual Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (“STI Forum”) in 2017, the UN in collaboration with the Global Innovation Exchange launched a Global Call for Innovations for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – a call for innovators, scientists, entrepreneurs and sustainability change agents worldwide to submit their innovations as workable solutions for sustainable development and six SDGs that have been selected for focus in 2017 in particular: SDG 1 (end poverty in all its forms everywhere), SDG 2 (end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote agriculture), SDG 3 (ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages), SDG 5 (achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), SDG 9 (build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation), and SDG 14 (conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development).

The ultimate aim of the call is to support most promising technology solutions through creating networks and communities among people who are developing technological innovations, those who can support or scale up such innovations, and those who need such innovations in order to implement these particular six SDGs. The same six SDGs will also be the focus of the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) to be held in New York in July 2017, where Member States and UN stakeholders will meet for follow-up and review of the SDGs.

2. Objective and outcome

Objectives

- To offer an opportunity for the top innovators from around the world to present their work to members of the diverse and high-level audience attending the STI Forum 2017;
- To raise awareness of key technological solutions for SDGs and the Call for Innovations initiative; and
- To contribute to networking between relevant stakeholders and facilitating development, transfer and dissemination of relevant technologies for the SDGs.

Outcomes

- A list of concrete, concise and understandable examples of how technologies already contribute and/or can potentially contribute to SDG implementation in diverse circumstances can be presented on the HLPF 2017;
- Identification of key stakeholders and technology champions for potential partnerships around proposed technological solutions; and
- Launching of a process that will assist with scaling-up technological solutions proposed through the Call for Innovations through matchmaking and networking.

3. Format

A series of moderated 3-minute remarks, followed by a visit of the exhibition space and informal exchange among participants.