

# World Café Workshop – A Knowledge Systems Approach to Achieving the SDGs

## STI Forum side event concept note

### Thematic SDG focus:

Goal 1, Goal 5, Goal 9

### Thematic questions to be addressed:

1) What are the emerging frontiers of scientific knowledge and technological change that have implications for the achievement of multiple SDGs? How can the stakeholder communities represented here best engage with these issues to maximize potential positive impacts and minimise potential negative ones?

6) What are effective models for bringing technological advances to those most in need?

### Organisers:

Practical Action

### Video resources:

<https://youtu.be/KnzZOeOg2xY>

### Details:

The development and transfer of technologies is only part of the solution to addressing the Sustainable Development Goals. Access to knowledge is essential to ensure technologies can have the greatest positive impact on the lives of poor and marginalised communities, and to support those communities to mitigate the potential negative impacts.

Knowledge needs to be timely, contextualised, appropriately formatted, and iteratively adapted to remain relevant and useful. Access to such knowledge can help ensure technologies are properly utilised, maintained, updated, and adapted. But technologies themselves can also play a crucial role in supporting such access.

This interactive workshop will explore emerging best practice approaches to facilitating knowledge systems, which can support resource-poor communities to be innovative in addressing their own sustainable development challenges. Participants will collaborate to tackle issues of access to knowledge, including gender divides and the potential of ICTs, to address the wider ecosystem of how technologies can tackle sustainable development issues, moving beyond just inventions to sustainable changes and viable business models.