

Report of the Meeting

EGM on Science, Technology and Innovation Roadmaps for SDGs

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Key Messages and Action Points

The United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) DSD in collaboration with UNCTAD, the World Bank and the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), organized an EGM on Science, Technology, and Innovation Roadmaps for the SDGs, in UN HQ, March 26-27, 2018. It was the first EGM on this topic in the lead-up to the third Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Forum in June 2018. Ambassador Hoshino attended the meeting and delivered opening remarks. It was attended by 32 experts, senior officials, representatives of United Nations System (IATT). The meeting reviewed UN System's existing support instruments and mechanisms to countries' efforts on STI Roadmaps, discussed a plan to engage a small group of countries to champion country level STI Roadmaps for SDGs at 2018 STI Forum. The meeting participants also discussed the preparation of the upcoming EGM by Japan on the same topic in Tokyo in May 8-9, 2018. The following conclusions and recommendations emerged from the discussions:

Roadmap is a very important communication and policy tool to stimulate the attempt and also a good feedback process to know what is working and what is not. In order to develop a better joint-effort mechanism, global coordination and dedicated funds are required. It is also very important to clearly identify the demand and challenges regarding STI that developing countries have, which lays the foundation for the efficiency and effectiveness of the help offered by developed countries. In the process, a joint work programme and a global initiative on a should play a role of facilitating factors rather than forcing power that requires developing countries to change, which eventually will help create ownership, leadership, and innovation momentum within the developing countries. Currently, there exist a lot of STI-related resources in UN system as well as other international development frameworks but they are very fragmented, the most important issue at present is to facilitate a broader collaboration at global level and national levels, with a focus on practical implementation.

For further steps, DESA will work with IATT sub-group to prepare the first draft of the meeting report and brief to the IATT the outcome of this EGM; the World Bank will finalize country list upon Japan's inputs/prioritization; Japan will fund travel of 5 participants from 5 countries, and the World Bank will fund 5 as well; the World Bank together with IATT and Japan will prepare a 2-pager note for the upcoming May meeting—the two-pager will serve as inputs to the concept note of a side event on roadmap during STI Forum; a set of questions will be prepared to targeted countries; DESA will reflect discussions and further inputs from the group, and update the workplan which will be circulated to all IATT; all participants to prepare a couple of “key messages/expected outcomes” for the Roadmap session during the STI Forum, to be included in the concept note of the session. These key messages shall be sent to the Secretariat before April 10, 2018.