



United Nations launches online platform to promote science, technology and innovation for sustainable development.

The platform, “2030 Connect,” will serve as a portal to science, technology and innovation resources within and beyond the United Nations, especially for practitioners and innovators in developing countries

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This morning the United Nations launched “[2030 Connect](#),” an online platform to promote science, technology and innovation for sustainable development. Member States had requested this platform to help advance progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals, and it will serve as an important tool to bolster the Secretary-General’s [Decade of Action](#) for the SDGs.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes that the world will achieve the SDGs only by mustering the full power of science, technology and innovation. In all regions of the globe, governments and other decision makers must have access to the latest science and evidence, disaggregated data, and technology solutions, as well as the resources needed to build capacity and foster innovation—and to bring these innovations to scale.

2030 Connect aims to be a “one-stop-shop” for policy makers, practitioners, students, members of civil society and other stakeholders seeking to tap into the expertise and networks of the United Nations system and its partners. In addition to a cross-platform search function, 2030 Connect offers timely feature stories with links to science and technology resources—for example to small-scale entrepreneurs who won a recent UN-sponsored innovation competition, a compendium of technologies to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, or open access research.

2030 Connect is an initiative of the Inter-Agency Task Team, a network of United Nations agencies working to advance science, technology and innovation for sustainable development through the “[Technology Facilitation Mechanism](#)” that was mandated by Member States. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs’ Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DESA/DSDG) oversees 2030 Connect, which was created in partnership with the UN Office for Information and Communication Technology (OICT).

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