

Japan's co-chair bullet points of the *III STI Forum for the SDG's* for the 2018 HLPF.

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Statement Bullet Point

o Overview

- **The Third Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on STI for the SDGs was successfully held last month, with around 1,000 participants representing Governments, scientists, innovators, technology specialists, entrepreneurs, funding organizations, and civil society – broader participation than in 2017 and 2016. The Forum became a good opportunity not only for fruitful discussions on 6 out of the 17 SDGs as well as several cross-cutting themes, but also for networking among multi-stakeholders and match making between innovators and funders. In addition, there were exhibitions introducing efforts for SDGs by innovators and the private sector.**
- **I, as a co-chair of the Forum, would like to express my sincere appreciation for all the participants for their active involvement and for all the concerned organizations, including UNDESA and UNCTAD as the co-lead of IATT for their hard work.**

o Summary of the sessions chaired by Ambassador Hoshino

- **Session 2: Interactive dialogue with 10MG**
An interactive dialogue with the 10-Member Group of high-level representatives, newly appointed by the Secretary-General for 2018-2019, was an opportunity to engage on their vision for the TFM. Together with IATT, the group is the indispensable source of expertise as well as technical support.
- **Session 4: Sustainable consumption and production (SDG 12)**
The session discussed that it is critical to promote a change towards more sustainable consumption patterns and engage young people and children as well as to support bottom-up approaches, encourage urban agriculture, introduce regulations. Some concrete examples and cases were also discussed, including the climate innovation movement, challenges in agriculture sector, micro and informal enterprises.
- **Session 5: Sustainable terrestrial ecosystem (SDG 15)**
Given the importance of biodiversity, the forum stressed the need for bioethics and ethics in genetic technologies. Regulations is needed to ensure the responsivity and accountability for decisions regarding technologies.
- **Session 6: STI Roadmaps**
STI for SDGs requires holistic, multidisciplinary and integrated approaches. STI for SDGs roadmaps could serve as a “shared communication and tracking tool” to visualize what

we must do and by when, as well as to monitor progress. Such roadmaps should enable more systematic mutual collaboration and cooperation, where stakeholders exchange the necessary know-how with each other to realize further progress in the SDGs. This can be made possible when each country carefully considers how they can integrate STI for the SDGs into their national strategies and policies, and formulate appropriate STI roadmaps according to their own will. In order to develop such STI for SDGs roadmaps, leadership at the highest political levels of government is indispensable. It was suggested that a group of Member States could lead the way undertaking serious efforts over the next year to develop their own versions of such STI for SDGs roadmaps and reporting their experiences at HLPF in 2019.

- **Session 7: Indigenous knowledge**

The Forum highlighted that local and indigenous knowledge has an important role in accelerating the progress towards the SDGs, as well as important synergies can be realized between traditional, local and indigenous knowledge and modern scientific knowledge which was supported by concrete examples shared at the Forum.
- **Interactive discussions**

Together with about 1,000 multistakeholders from all over the world, the discussion at the Forum was enriched by the panelists and the participants from Member States, private sector, academia and civil society.
- **Match making: investors and innovators (Special event 2) and other events**

To fulfill the mandate, the Forum, for the first time, promoted networking and matchmaking between investors, innovators and other partners through the special event, the reception hosted by Co-Chairs and the informal mentoring at the exhibition.
- **Exhibition and young innovators**

As an integral part of the forum, an exhibition hub which featured the winners of a global call for innovations as well as a showcase of corporate solutions for the SDGs, and a set of posters from research institutions. The selected innovations and corporate solutions addressed technologies on SDGs reviews in the Forum.
- **Collaboration with other Fora and organizations**

The Forum invited panelists and speakers from other STI related fora and organizations to share their discussions and outcomes, including from CSTD, World Science Forum, GSS and G-STIC. This was the first attempt this year. Given that there are many STI for SDGs related activities and discussions in and out the UN system, the STI Forum could serve as a place where we can hear relevant the outcomes and discussions made in other opportunities by leveraging its convening power.
- **STI for SDGs**

- Many insights have been gathered toward SDG specific solutions, including those that help to manage trade offs and realize synergies.
 - STI is the deciding factor for providing solutions while making the best use of the limited resources in order to reach these goals; science and technology must be for everyone, not just for some
 - “STI for the SDGs” is not yet a concept familiar to everyone. We need to encourage everyone in around the world to recognize this issue as their personal one. To do so, capacity building and education are essential.
- Way forward
- For the discussion at the 2019 Forum, the Co-Chairs of STI Forum 2018 expect the Forum to continue strengthening the convening power for dialogues between stakeholders and governments and for sharing ideas and catalyzing new initiatives and partnerships.