

Closing Remarks
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**“Multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology
and innovation for the SDGs”**

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Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

As we wrap up the first Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs, I would like to thank all of you for your active participation and engagement.

I would also like to thank the Co-Chairs of this Forum – His Excellency Mr. Macharia Kamau, and Dr. Vaughan Turekian, for so ably guiding us during these two days. You set the bar for

the Forum high. This will be an inspiration for future editions of the Forum.

Now, the vast and important task begins – to make the Technology Facilitation Mechanism fully operational and beneficial to all.

I trust that Member States, the Inter-Agency Task Team, the 10-Member Advisory Group, the private sector, NGOs and everyone here today will continue cooperating to mobilise great minds and build lasting partnerships.

For this to work, the following would be my take-home messages:

First, we need to make greater efforts to strengthen STI capacity in every country and create innovative knowledge societies that utilize scientific evidence to help inform policy.

Second, we need to make advances in STI policy coherence that greatly accelerates technology transfer, diffusion and innovation, in a manner that is commensurate with the SDGs.

Third, technology roadmaps and action plans are needed. They could be a means to allow all interested stakeholders to work together for the SDGs.

Fourth, we need to make major efforts to support “social technologies”, which are critical for changing the mindsets and

the behaviours. Social technologies are also critical to reach those left behind.

Finally, the future STI Forums should work cumulatively, learning and advancing on the achievements of previous Forums. For this, we should explore various options, such as inter-sessional events and activities or an annual programme of work.

I encourage all of you to think of how we can further enhance the Forum and make it best contribute to the implementation of the SDGs.

I thank you.



I hereby declare the first multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals closed