



## 10th Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals

### Session 4: Scaling up STI financing and capacity building and strengthening research infrastructures for sustainable development

(15:00-17:30 EDT, 8 May 2025; in-person, ECOSOC Chamber)

#### Programme

##### Part 1: Scaling up STI financing and capacity building

###### Moderator

- Mr. Latif Nasser, Director Research and co-host at Radiolab

###### Lightning talks

- Enset Starter Culture (Ms. Gelila Biresaw Sime) **(Ethiopia) (video)**
- Global Cerah (Mr. Willie Ng) **(Malaysia) (video)**

###### Remarks on the FFD4 process on behalf of the co-facilitators

- H.E. Mr. Chola Milambo **(Zambia)**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zambia to the UN

###### Panelists

- Mr. Gong Ke **(China)**, Chair of the Task Force for Engineering Capacity Building for Africa; Former President of World Federation of Engineering Organizations; Professor, Nankai University, China
- Mr. Marco Gilli **(Italy)**, Chair, Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo, Italy
- Ms. Thandi Mgwebi **(South Africa)**, Group Executive: Business Advancement, Business Development & Global Partnerships, National Research Foundation
- Mr. Ibrahima Guimba Saidou **(Niger)**, CEO, Partnership for Digital Access in Africa (PDAA), Niger

###### High-level respondents / lead discussants

- Mr. Pierre Gomez **(Gambia)**, Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science, and Technology, The Gambia.
- Ms. Angela Sarcina **(Italy)**, Economic and Policy Analyst, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- Mr. Deodat Maharaj **(Turkey)**, Managing Director, UN Technology Bank for LDCs, Gebze, Turkey [video recording]

- Ms. Jaclyn Berfond **(USA)**, Director, Insights & Performance Management of Women's World Banking

## **Part 2: Strengthening international cooperation & aligning STI commitments with the SDGs – investing in science and digital infrastructure**

### Moderator

- Mr. Latif Nasser, Director Research and co-host at Radiolab

### Lightning talk

- Alkemio (Ms. Ailín Svagzdys) **(Argentina)**

### Presentation

- Mr. Navid Hanif **(Pakistan)**, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tbc)

### Panelists

- Mr. Carlos Henrique Brito Cruz OBE **(Brazil, 10-Member)**, Senior Vice-President, Research Networks, Elsevier; and Co-chair, Secretary-General's Group of Ten High-level Representatives of Scientific Community, Civil Society and Private Sector
- Ms. Motoko Kotani **(Japan, 10-Member)**, Executive Vice President for Research, Professor and Principal Investigator, Advanced Institute for Materials Research & Mathematics Institute, Tohoku University, Japan; and Vice President, International Science Council; and Secretary-General's Group of Ten High-level Representatives of Scientific Community, Civil Society and Private Sector
- Ms. Peggy Oti-Boateng **(Ghana)**, Executive Director, the African Academy of Sciences (AAS)
- Ms. Awa Bousso Drame **(Senegal)**, 2022 Young Talent of the L'Oreal-UNESCO For Women in Science Sub-Saharan Africa Programme

### High-level respondents

- Ms. Lidia Arthur Brito **(Mozambique)**, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO
- Mr. Seizo Onoe **(Japan)**, Director, Director, the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, ITU
- Mr. Mustafa Shehu **(Nigeria)**, President, World Federation of Engineering Organization (WFEO)
- Mr. Antonio Gomes **(Brazil)**, Professor and Director for Evaluation, CAPES