

## 11<sup>th</sup> Multistakeholder STI Side Event 2026



### Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Clinical Medical and Surgical Practice

#### STI Forum 2026; V - 18

Date: 06 May 2026; Time 10:00am to 11:15am (EST, New York time)

#### Concept Note

In view of the scale of today's global challenges and the great potential of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) to deliver responses, global cooperation in STI is indispensable to achieve health- and education-for-all. Global partnerships around STI are necessary to mobilize financial and knowledge resources from governments, businesses, academia and civil societies and unfold the potential of all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Both public and private sectors play an essential role in financing research and development. Therefore they are essential to create a balanced strategy that leverages the strengths and weaknesses of both.

Current trends indicate that the world is not on track to achieve the SDGs, but science-based tools can help drive change. Advanced digital technologies are set to change the way we work and live. While scientific evidence is key in addressing complex global challenges, science is not a cure-all. Technological advancements can improve living conditions, but they have also often increased inequalities in certain instances, leading to increased frustration among those left behind. The scientific community needs to communicate their work and the inherent uncertainty of the scientific process more effectively.

To strengthen global trust in STI, Education & Health Cooperation, for SDGs 3, 4, 5, 8, and 17, Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) encourages to:

1. Developing countries should formulate strategic plan for STI with clear, specific and measurable goals to seize the opportunities brought by technological advancement. The planning should reflect country's strengths and weaknesses in science, technology and innovation and highlight the connections (and missing links) between the national needs and objectives and the UN 2030 Agenda – Building inclusive STI global agenda.  
<https://hlpf.un.org/2022/programme/improving-global-partnerships-for-education-and-health>
2. Governments should create the conditions for accessible, affordable and high-quality digital infrastructure that supports STI development.
3. Developed and developing countries should develop collaborative mechanisms to incentivize technology and knowledge transfer among universities, research institutions, and the private sector. International partnerships should aim to closing gaps in knowledge capabilities that hamper effective technology transfer.

When we work together – across national borders, across groups, disciplines and stakeholder groups – we as humanity can harness science and technology to the benefits for all of us. We need to look and appreciate the benefits of long-term commitment to fundamental research, but we also need to look ahead and anticipate challenges and possibilities. What is urgently needed is

to enhance international solidarity and cooperation, revitalize global trust and partnerships in STI research and development. Objectives of this Side Event is:

1. **Aligning AI with Social Objectives:** Technology leadership by the private sector is not new. What is new to AI is unprecedented level of control and understanding that private companies have over the technology, an imbalance that limits the ability of Governments to steer AI development in the public interest. The dominance of a few private companies in AI is creating new security risks. One programming error can have rapidly diffused effects around the world. An AI oligopoly could create vulnerabilities for countries. Even AI projects aimed at social impact may feel the pressures of the profit motive and capital markets.
2. **Prioritizing Ethics and Societal Impacts and Guiding AI for Shared Prosperity:** The Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) recommends the following areas of collaboration for global collaboration/governance: UN Member States can collaborate with the private sector to develop public AI infrastructure. A global facility - modelled on how CERN was built as an international scientific research center – could provide equitable access to AI infrastructure – Creating Shared Digital Infrastructure.
3. **Need for a global AI Hub.** An AI-focused center and network – could serve as a global hub for AI capacity-building, technology transfer, and technical assistance for developing countries.
4. **Open–AI, Open-data, open-science, and open-source models** can unlock knowledge and resources, fueling inclusive AI innovation – and creating Open Innovation.

Join the discussion! We Welcome Everyone!

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## Additional Information:

<sup>1</sup> 10th Multistakeholder Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Forum;  
Virtual Side Event; ID: V-07; 07 May 2025; Time 13:15 to 14:45 (EDT, New York Time)

Title - **Emerging Health Technologies and Health Development**

**Concept Note:** <http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/documents/2025-STI-Side-Event-Concept-Note.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> **WHEC @ CSocD62 (Towards Education- and Health-for-All)**

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<https://social.desa.un.org/sdn/towards-education-and-health-for-all>

<sup>3</sup> Science-Policy Brief for the Multistakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs, May 2024

**Artificial Intelligence and Ethical Considerations in Neurotechnology**

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