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Statement by the STC Major Group Interactive Dialogue with Major Groups

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The Scientific & Technological Communities Major Group has conducted a comprehensive program of activities in the preparation of the Rio+20 Conference by providing scientific knowledge, engineering expertise and appropriate technologies that are timely and up-to-date, towards supporting the main objectives of the Conference and aiming at substantiating concepts under discussion.

We consider that our Major Group was included as one of the nine Major Groups to provide governments, policy makers and Society, the understanding of the limitations and parameters imposed by the Laws of Nature, and to tell them what is achievable scientifically and technologically, based on what we now know and on what we can do with the technological tools we have in hand, as well as with those being developed and demonstrating success potential.

We are certain that progress in all topical areas of the sustainable development debate will require substantial innovative advances in science and technology and a thorough analysis of the feasibility of proposed solutions.

It is our understanding that, for tackling the issues related to sustainable development, our role is to provide policy-makers and Society, updated, unbiased and reliable information on the different technical paths and technologies, based on scientific principles, engineering criteria and demonstrated technological development.

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