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**Statement by the STC Major Group
Interactive Dialogue with Civil Society**

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The S&T Community expectations on the Rio+20 document include:

1. The recognition that science and technology is an important and vital element in the implementation of a sustainable development. Despite the important scientific development of the last decades, without a strong commitment to developing sound new knowledge and engineering creativity that address the very complex sustainability issues we will not be able to meet the sustainable development aspirations.
2. The development of a global facilitating mechanism for enhancing international scientific cooperation, building upon the capacity of existing international scientific and engineering organizations, inside and outside the UN system, vital to achieving sustainable development.
3. The strengthening of the interface between science, engineering and policy, including regular reviews of the state of the planet at global regional and national levels.
4. The development of integrated science-based indicators that go beyond GDP.

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