

**WURC Report to WFEO EC**  
**Kigali, Rwanda**  
**October 18, 2024**

WFEO UN Relations working group has been actively engaged with the other 20 Major Groups and Other Stakeholders (MGoS). As the Co- Chair for Advocacy Task Group of the MGoS, the Chair and Dr. William Kelly have been engaged in regular weekly meetings with the MG and President of ECOSOC on a regular basis (almost weekly starting in January 2024) leading up to the STI Forum and HLPF contributing to both oral and written interventions.

**Organized a side event during the 2024 STI Forum along with ISC titled:**

***Better leveraging Science, Technology, Innovation and Engineering for  
Accelerating Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals***

***9 May, 13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Chamber UN HQ***

**Opening Remarks:** *H.E. Ms. Paula Narvaez President of ECOSOC*

**Introduction:** *H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King Co-Chair for STI Forum*

**Panelists:** *Prof. Olubukola O Babalola VP TWAS & OWSD, ISC Fellow*

*Dr. Patrick Caron CGIAR System Board Vice Chair*

*Mr. Thomas Smith, Exec. Director ASCE*

**Discussants:** *Mr. Pulkit Kanotra, Civil Engineer Arcadis, WFEO YE/FL WG*

*Dr. Selvaraju Ramasamy, Sr. Officer, Science and Innovation,  
Office of Innovation FAO*

**Closing Statement:** *Ms. Joyeeta Gupta, Co-Chair 10 Member Group*

**WURC Chair Provided intervention on behalf of WFEO at the:**

*Thematic Session 7: STI Partnerships for Accelerating Structural Transformation in  
African Countries, Least Developed Countries and Landlocked Developing Countries*

**WURC Chair was invited to:**

*Group of Friends on Science for Action Roundtable, May 10<sup>th</sup> 1-2 pm at the Indian  
Embassy*

**WURC Chair attended the 2024 HLPF**

**WURC Chair was invited to:**

*UNOSSC and the UN Multistakeholder Forum for STI/DESA*

*Roundtable Dialogue on the Side of 2024 HLPF*

*July 16, 2024*

**WURC Chair and Dr. Bill Kelly as STC MG representatives were invited to serve on UN SDG Digital Advisory Group coordinated by UN ITU. They also attended the Summit of the Future events between September 20<sup>th</sup> – 22nd.**

**WURC submitted a response to ISC RFP Global Call for Science Missions for Sustainability along with Atlas Initiative.**

**Dr. Bill Kelly and Dr. Gunalan along with Mr. Michael Sanio attended meetings with World Bank, met with US State Department's Science Advisor.**

**Submitted a letter on behalf of WFEO to UN DESA expressing an interest to Serve as Friends of Africa Coalition which has since been accepted.**

**Dr. William Kelly and Dr. K. N. Gunalan are contributing to UN DESA's second edition of STI4SDG Roadmap.**

**Dr. Marlene Kanga submitted an exceptional nomination (Hackathon) for the SDG Digital Grand Award and Firas Chair for YM/FL Committee served on the Jury Panel and received a Certificate of Appreciation from UN ITU group.**