



**Side Event on the margins of the Africa Regional Forum on SDGs: STI technologies for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals**

**Date and Place: 16 April 2019, Morocco, Marrakech**

<b>Title of the event</b>	STI technologies for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals
<b>Date and Location</b>	16 April 2019, Marrakech: 9:00-12:30
<b>Brief discussion</b>	<p>The Department of Science and Technology (South Africa) in conjunction with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) will be hosting side event along the margins Multi-Stakeholder Forum for Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) on SDGs for Africa, which will be hosted during the annual African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD) in Morocco (Rabat) from 16 to 18 January 2019.</p> <p>This side event is meant to showcase the role of STI and the technologies that are available in Africa that could assist in the implementation of the SDGs and to have a facilitated discussion on the means of implementation required in Africa for supporting STI in implementation of the SDGs.</p>
<b>Format</b>	<p>In line with the guidance of the High-Level Political Forum which is mandated to monitor and review the implementation of the SDGs, the dialogue will be aligned to the SDGs that will be reviewed in 2019 under the theme " Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality; Goals 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17.</p> <p>This will be a moderated panel discussion, followed by questions and answer session</p> <p>Speakers from: UNECA, South Africa, Egypt, Tunisia and Algeria</p>
<b>Targeted Audience</b>	<p>In the spirit of making sure that "no one is left behind" the dialogue will be inclusive and represent the diversity of views and stakeholders. The following stakeholders will participate in the event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government – Selected strategic STI partner countries represented at Ministerial/ Senior Officials level and municipal or provincial representatives that would need to use STI products for service delivery.</li> <li>• Business – private sector organisations that can support the scale up of technologies in Africa and developmental banks e.g AFDB.</li> <li>• Non-government organisations</li> <li>• Regional Economic Communities (RECs),</li> <li>• UN Regional Commissions – UNECA, UNESCO, UNIDO</li> <li>• Africa multilateral governance structures – AU and SADC</li> </ul>

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