

Keynote Lecture

Japan's Role in UN STI for SDGs

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Summary

The Pact of Future was adopted at the UN's GA in last Sep. It should be remarked that it starts with Action 1 "We will take bold, ambitious, accelerated, just and transformative actions to implement the 2030 Agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals and leave no one behind", and the whole section 3 is devoted to Science, Technology and Innovation and digital cooperation, and includes Annex I "Global digital compact". It shows high expectation to STI for SDGs for the realization of the society that the future should be. As a member of Group of High-level Representatives of Scientific Community, Private Sector and Civil Society appointed by the Secretary-General (10-Member group), I would like to share with you recent discussions and key recommendations on STI for SDGs. In Japan, the basic plan for STI has been issued every 5 years. Dr. Kyuma and myself were involved in deciding the 5th one as CSTI executive members at that time, and proposed the notion of "Society 5.0", which contains common ideas with the UN's STI for SDGs, but put more emphasis on the balanced development of society and digital technology. National projects such as SIP, Impact, Moonshot were established to implement the society 5.0. I would also like to share with you the outcome of those projects related with Food and agriculture, Bio diversity. To achieve the ambitious SDGs it is important to work together globally, although the expectation to SDGs are diverse across countries and regions, culture and social systems.