



PRESS RELEASE

September 11, 2025

Contact:
Public Relations, STS *forum* (NPO)
Email: public_relations@stsforum.org
Tel: +81-3-3519-3351

The 22nd STS *forum* Annual Meeting opens this year on Sunday, October 5, bringing together global scientists, policymakers, and business leaders to discuss science, technology, and the future of humanity.

- Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan are graciously honoring us this year -

The STS *forum* (Science and Technology in Society *forum*) will hold its 22nd Annual Meeting for three days from Sunday, October 5 to Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at the Kyoto International Conference Center.

This year's opening ceremony will be honored by the attendance of Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan, and His Majesty the Emperor is scheduled to deliver an address in English to global participants. His Majesty the Emperor has previously attended five times as Crown Prince, and Her Majesty the Empress also attended with His Majesty in 2017.

This year, the forum brings together leaders from various areas, including world-renowned scientists, (14 Nobel Prize laureates), Science and Technology Ministers from various countries, corporate leaders, heads of research institutions, university presidents, and influential journalists. Participants will engage in discussions from diverse perspectives, transcending national borders and disciplinary boundaries. They will address science and technology challenges and directions for humanity's future 100 to 500 years ahead, while also exchanging views on the pressing issue of AI and society under the general theme of "AI in 2030 and beyond."

Program

This year, in addition to the attendance of Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress, more than 200 global leaders will speak at 12 plenary sessions and 22 concurrent sessions. These include AI-focused panels such as "AI in 2030 and beyond," and "Global impact of AI by 2030 and beyond – Roadmap for the Next Decade." AI in Healthcare, Business, Government and Society will also be discussed in concurrent sessions. Other sessions focus on themes such as "Path to Sustainability toward a Zero Carbon Society," "Game-Changing Businesses," "Brain Health and Brain Augmentation," "Science Communication" and "Brain Circulation."

For more details, please refer to the official website: <https://www.stsforum.org/kyoto2025/>.

Official Website
STS *forum* 2025



About the STS *forum*:

The STS *forum* (Science and Technology in Society *forum*), a non-profit organization founded in 2004, aims to provide a unique platform for the world's top leaders to meet and discuss how to deal with science and technology issues from a long-term perspective for the future of humankind.

<https://www.stsforum.org/>

Media Accreditation

Please download Media Accreditation Request form at <https://www.stsforum.org/media/> and email the duly filled file to public_relations@stsforum.org by Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 5:00 pm (Japan Standard Time)

《STS forum 2025 Confirmed Speakers》

As of September 8, 2025

Policymakers, Council/Committees, International Organizations, and other organizations



Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, Chairman, Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA); Chairman Emeritus, Nestlé S.A., Switzerland

100



Philippe Varin, Chair, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), France

100

Business



Atsushi Horiba, Chairman, Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Chairman & Group CEO, HORIBA, Ltd, Japan

100



Ekaterina Zaharieva, European Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation, European Commission, EU

100



Masato Kanda, President, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines

101



Angela McLean, Government Chief Scientific Adviser, Government Office for Science, U.K.

103



Ahmad O. Al-Khwaiter, Executive Vice President, Technology & Innovation, Aramco, Saudi Arabia

101



Claude Imauven, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Orano, France

101



Mitch Davies, President, National Research Council Canada (NRC), Canada

104A



Mona Nemer, Chief Science Advisor, Government of Canada, Canada

201



Marcelo Luis Ebrard Casaubón, Secretary of Economy, Government of Mexico, Mexico

301



Takayuki Morita, President and CEO (Representative Executive Officer), Member of the Board, NEC Corporation, Japan

102



Thomas Zacharia, Senior Vice President, Strategic Technology Partnerships and Public Policy, AMD, U.S.A.

102A

Nobel Laureates



F. Duncan M. Haldane, Professor, Princeton University, U.S.A. [Nobel Laureate 2016 (Physics)]

103

Many more science and technology ministers from various countries are expected to participate in the forum this year.



Herminio Blanco Mendoza, President, IQOM Inteligencia Comercial; former Minister of Trade and Industry, Mexico

103



Babasaheb N. Kalyani, Chairman & MD, Bharat Forge Limited, India

103



Akira Yoshino, Honorary Fellow, Asahi Kasei Corporation, Japan [Nobel Laureate 2019 (Chemistry)]

103



Martin Chalfie, University Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Columbia University, U.S.A. [Nobel Laureate 2008 (Chemistry)]

201



Andrew Zachary Fire, Professor, Stanford University School of Medicine, U.S.A. [Nobel Laureate 2006 (Physiology or Medicine)]

201



Hiroaki Kitano, Chief Technology Fellow, Sony Group Corporation, Japan

104B



Harrick Vin, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), India

104B



Tim Hunt, Emeritus Group Leader, The Francis Crick Institute, U.K. [Nobel Laureate 2001 (Physiology or Medicine)]

201



Frances H. Arnold, Professor, California Institute of Technology (CALTECH), U.S.A. [Nobel Laureate 2018 (Chemistry)]

202



Steven Chu, Professor, Stanford University, U.S.A. [Nobel Laureate 1997 (Physics)]

202



Daria Donati, Chief Scientific Officer, Genomic Medicine, Cytyva, Sweden

201



Helle Kristoffersen, Member of the Executive Committee, President Asia, TotalEnergies, France

202



Paul Nurse, Director and Chief Executive, The Francis Crick Institute, U.K. [Nobel Laureate 2001 (Physiology or Medicine)]

202



Richard J. Roberts, Chief Scientific Officer, New England Biolabs, U.S.A. [Nobel Laureate 1993 (Physiology or Medicine)]

202

Universities Academies



Teruo Fujii, President, The University of Tokyo, Japan

102B



Govindan Rangarajan, Director, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), India

103



Harold E. Varmus, Professor, Weill Cornell Medical College, U.S.A.; Chair, Science Council, WHO [Nobel Laureate 1989 (Physiology or Medicine)]

202



Ada E. Yonath, Professor, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel [Nobel Laureate 2009 (Chemistry)]

301



Bettina Rockenbach, President, German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, Germany

104A



Sudip S. Parikh, Chief Executive Officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), U.S.A.

200B



Mark Walport, Foreign Secretary and Vice-President, The Royal Society, U.K.

200B

Research Institutes Funding Agencies



Munir M. Eldesouki, President, King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST), Saudi Arabia

101



Maria Leptin, President, European Research Council; Professor, Institute for Genetics, University of Cologne, Germany

103



Michael O. Hengartner, President, ETH Board, Switzerland

201



Mamoru Mitsuishi, President, Science Council of Japan, Japan

201



Otmar D. Wiestler, President, Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres, Germany

103



André Kudelski, President, Innosuisse - Swiss Innovation Agency; Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Kudelski Group, Switzerland

104B



Andrea Califano, President, Chan Zuckerberg Biohub New York, U.S.A.

201



Lise Korsten, President, The African Academy of Sciences, South Africa

202



Tshilidzi Marwala, Rector, United Nations University; Under-Secretary-General, United Nations

202



Wiparat De-ong, Executive Director, National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT), Thailand

201



Antoine Petit, Chairman and CEO, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), France

202



Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, Joint Chairman (Industry), Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT), Malaysia

203B



El Mouhoub Mouhoud, President, Université PSL (Paris Sciences & Lettres), France

202



Sean Decatur, President, Office of the President, American Museum of Natural History, U.S.A.

203A