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ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION



Digital on the Edge: Accelerating Digital Technology Readiness for the 2030 Agenda in Climate Extremes

21 April 2026

08:30 – 09:45 (CEST)

Palais des Nations, Geneva (Room H-207/8/9) & Online

08:30 – 08:40 | Opening & Welcome

Marta Koch, Researcher & Teaching Facilitator, Imperial College London, UNFCCC Technology Executive Committee RD&D Activity Group Member & UNESCO Science Report Coordinating Lead Author

Objectives & alignment with SDG progress in UNECE Region

Link to UN STI Forum 2026 & UNESCO International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development

08:40 – 08:45 | Keynote Address I & Q&A

Dr Samuel Partey, Head of Unit & Regional Advisor for Science, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe

08:45 – 09:00 | Keynote Address II & Q&A

Dr Lili Wang, Associate Professor of Emerging Technologies, United Nations University – Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT)

09:00 – 09:15 | Keynote Address III & Q&A

Heather Jacobs, Climate Technology Specialist, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

09:15 – 09:25 | Novel Technology Readiness Framework Demonstration & Launch

09:25 – 09:40 | Framework Stakeholder Mapping Workshop Activity

09:40 – 09:45 | Closing & Thanks

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