We're not working fast enough: accelerating the implementation of research outcomes through openness and cooperation

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Demands on science and technology are growing heavier. Stakeholders are becoming increasingly conscious of environmental and human problems around them and are looking to S&T for the answers. Global research spending is at an all-time high, yet we still struggle to meet challenges including climate change, resource scarcity and extreme poverty. We struggle to fulfill our responsibilities under the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 Agenda. So the question remains: how do we accelerate the path of technological solutions to society?

We propose that cooperation –between nations, disciplines and sectors –is key to speeding up the development process and making technology viable for widespread implementation. In this session speakers from diverse backgrounds will discuss exactly how our respective organizations are attempting to turn research into tangible social benefit. We will highlight possible areas for cooperation and efficiency gains and suggest practical steps to improve the usefulness of our research outcomes.