

**STS forum 2026 – 23rd Annual Meeting Program, October 4-6, 2026[Provisional]
-Navigating Tectonic Shifts in Science, Technology, and Society-**

As of April 21, 2026

October 3, 2026 (Saturday)						Premium Sponsor Side events			
Time	events	Time	Side events	Time	Side events	Date and Time	events		
10:00-18:30	Registration (ICC Kyoto) (for all STS forum participants)	11:30-18:35	Regional Action on Climate Change (RACC18)	09:30-11:00 11:15-13:00	NAA-STC Advisory Board Meeting (Invitation only) NAA-STC Board Meeting (Invitation only)				
		14:00-16:40	Kyoto Symposium	12:00-12:50	Young Leaders Network (Invitation only)				
18:00-20:00	Networking Plaza	14:00-17:00	15 th Global Summit of Research Institute Leaders (Invitation only)	12:50-15:30	Dialogue between Young Leaders and Nobel Laureates (Invitation only)				
		16:00-18:00	Forum for Unity, Science, and Empowerment (FUSE) (Invitation only)	13:30-15:00	Board Meeting (Invitation only)	12:00-15:30	Young Leaders Alumni Meeting (Invitation only)		
October 4, 2026 (Sunday)									
8:30	Doors open and Registration starts at the Kyoto International Conference Center (ICC Kyoto)								
100	Opening Plenary Session: Tectonic Shifts in Science, Technology, and Society								
10:00-11:00 60 min.									
101	A World in Transition — Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future								
11:00-12:00 60 min.									
12:00-13:50 110 min.	Lunch and Networking Time				12:10-13:30 University Presidents' Meeting (Invitation only)	12:10-13:30 Heads of Private Foundations Meeting (Invitation only)	12:10-13:30 CEO Meeting (Invitation only)	12:10-13:30 CTO Meeting (Invitation only)	12:10-14:50 S&T Ministers' Roundtable (Invitation only)
102	PL102A:Digital Sovereignty				PL102B:IARU -- Research and Innovation in Universities--			S&T Ministers' Roundtable (Invitation only)	
13:50-14:50 60 min.									
14:50-15:10	Coffee Break								
103	Sustainable Energy	Earth and Commons	Biomedical Frontiers	From Science to Innovative Technologies	Cooperation in S&T	S&T Education	Digital Technologies		
15:10-17:10 120 min.	Fusion Energy	Agriculture, Food, and Water Security	Breakthroughs of Genome Engineering	Innovations in Engineered Materials	Collaboration among Academia, Industry, and Government	Transforming Education in the Age of AI	Brain Augmentation		
17:10-17:30	Coffee Break								
104	PL104A:Why Trust Science?				PL104B:Science and Technology Breakthroughs in Business				
17:30-18:30 60 min.									
18:30-	Move to the venue, Cocktail								
105	Official Dinner (Event Hall) Fire Side Chat with XX								
19:00-21:00									

October 5, 2026 (Monday)

7:30		Doors open and Registration starts at the Kyoto International Conference Center (ICC Kyoto)						08:00-08:45	General Meeting (Invitation only)
200		Koji Omi Memorial Plenary Session: Lights and Shadows of AI							
	09:00-10:10 70 min.								
	10:10-10:40	Coffee Break							
201		Sustainable Energy	Earth and Commons	Biomedical Frontiers	From Science to Innovative Technologies	Cooperation in S&T	S&T Education	Digital Technologies	
	10:40-12:40 120 min.	Hydrogen and synthetic fuels	Economics of Climate Change	Regenerative Medicine and the Future of Life Design	Quantum Technologies	Research Security	AI for Research	AI-Powered Assistive Technologies for People with Disabilities	
	12:40-14:20 100 min.	Lunch and Networking Time					12:50-14:10	12:50-14:10	12:50-14:10
							Academy of Science Presidents' Meeting (Invitation only)	Academy of Engineering Presidents' Meeting (Invitation only)	Funding Agency Presidents' Meeting (Invitation only)
202		Sustainable Energy	Earth and Commons	Biomedical Frontiers	From Science to Innovative Technologies	Cooperation in S&T	S&T Education	Digital Technologies	
	14:20-16:20 120 min.	Energy Infrastructure	Ocean of Opportunities	Advancing Therapeutic Frontiers (Personalized Medicine)	New Pathways for Breakthrough Research	Nurturing Innovation-based Startups	Fostering Diversity and Inclusion	Data Protection / Privacy	
	16:20-16:50	Coffee Break							
203		PL203A:The Future of Science Diplomacy: Bump or Fork?				PL203B:Temporal Reconciliation between Government and Society			
	16:50-18:00 70 min.								
	18:00-	Move to the venue(Shuttle bus provided from ICC Kyoto to site)							
204		Special Buffet Dinner (Shrine or Temple in Kyoto)							
	19:00-21:00								
								20:30-22:00	Council Meeting (Invitation only)

October 6, 2026 (Tuesday)

8:00		Doors open and Registration starts at the Kyoto International Conference Center (ICC Kyoto)						
300		Takeaways from STS forum Annual Meeting 2026						
	9:00-11:00 120 min.	[Low Carbon Energy Sources], [Earth and Commons], [Biomedical Frontiers], [From Science to Innovative Technologies], [Cooperation in S&T], [S&T Education], [Digital Technologies] [Report by Young Leaders]						
	11:00-11:30	Coffee Break						
301		Closing Plenary Session: Science and Technology for the Future of Humankind						
	11:30-12:30 60 min.							
302		Farewell Lunch						
	12:30-13:30							