

## **Subject: Invitation to contribute and engage with STIP 2020**

Dear Ma'am/Sir,

As you might be aware, the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India (Office of PSA) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST) have jointly initiated a decentralized, bottom-up, and inclusive process for the formulation of a new [national Science Technology and Innovation Policy \(STIP 2020\)](#). In order to engage with various stakeholders and, we are reaching out to you for your close engagement and contribution in this policy making process.

The STIP 2020 process involves 4 interlinked Tracks. Of these 4 tracks, Track I aims for public engagement, through [Science Policy Forum \(SPF\)](#) - a [dedicated platform for soliciting inputs from a larger public and expert pool](#), jointly with [Gubbi Labs \(GL\)](#). Under Track I, six activities have been launched, which include In Conversation with, Across the Table, Policy Compass, Open Letter, Thoughts of India and Ideathon.

Considering the significance of your institution in the STIP 2020 formulation process, we request for your active participation in the Track 1 activities. As a part of our engagement, your institution will act as an interface to communicate about STIP 2020 in your society and also facilitate the aforementioned six activities. We propose the following modes of outreach:

1. Having a STIP 2020 point of contact in your institution for any immediate communication - "STIP 2020 campus Ambassador".
2. Adding STIP 2020 details on your website - encouraging your institute community to engage and contribute in this policy making process.

In order to engage with institutions in accord, a '**STIP 2020 outreach consultation**' is being organised on 12th July and 13th July, 2020 at 6.00-8.00 PM. The session will introduce the STIP 2020 process and discuss strategies and alternatives to make this process more inclusive and participatory.

We would be grateful if you could let us know about your interest in participation and availability during the above-mentioned time slot. Please feel free to get in touch with us if you need more information or clarification regarding STIP 2020 and the outreach event.

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Thank you for your time and looking forward to your reply.

Best Regards,

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