

**GLOBAL MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE ON SCIENCE DIPLOMACY**
**Science Diplomacy in a Rapidly Changing World: Building Peace in
the Minds of Men and Women****CO-CHAIRS' STATEMENT**

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The Ministers participating in the *Global Ministerial Dialogue on Science Diplomacy* held on 26 March 2025 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, under the umbrella of the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (2024–2033), recognized the urgent need to strengthen the dialogue between science and diplomacy and to unlock the potential of science diplomacy in response to the complex challenges of our time.

In a world increasingly shaped by geopolitical tensions, technological advancements, and pressures on shared natural resources, they highlighted the importance of science diplomacy in promoting dialogue, fostering trust in science, strengthening international collaboration and mutual understanding, as well as sharing of scientific information and bridging the science technology and innovation gaps. Building on the universal language of science, it was acknowledged that science diplomacy can play a pivotal role in accelerating sustainable development, advancing human rights, and fostering peace.

The Ministers recognized the importance of upholding the principles of open science, as well as full participation and inclusivity in the practice of science diplomacy to effectively address global challenges and serve the global common good.

They emphasized the need to integrate scientific knowledge and evidence in diplomatic decision-making while strengthening institutional and human capacities in science diplomacy through training, knowledge-sharing, cooperation, and mutual learning, as appropriate.

In this spirit, the Ministers called on UNESCO, in collaboration with relevant UN agencies, academic, scientific and international and regional organizations, the private sector, and civil society to support Member States in capacity building and developing local, national, regional and international science diplomacy practices that foster coherence between science, technology, and innovation policies and foreign policy objectives, ensuring that they promote collaborative solutions to global challenges while respecting the diversity of national contexts.

The Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to supporting UNESCO in leveraging science diplomacy for peace, cooperation, and sustainable progress, and agreed to work together in shaping a future where science serves as a bridge for dialogue and collective global action.