

STS *forum* 2023 - 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
**Forum for Unity, Science, and Empowerment (FUSE)**  
by the Henry Luce Foundation

**Objectives**

The Henry Luce Foundation is globally recognized for its commitment to promoting women's participation in STEM disciplines. The STS *forum* serves as a prominent platform for global leaders to discuss and address science and technology challenges, actively welcoming women leaders to its annual meeting. "Forum for Unity, Science, and Empowerment (FUSE) by the Henry Luce Foundation" is to provide a networking opportunity for women participants at the STS *forum*, bringing together both senior and young women leaders in STEM to get acquainted and inspired each other.

**Program**

Date & Time: September 30, 2023 (Saturday) 16:00 - 18:00  
Venue: SWAN, Kyoto International Conference Center (ICC Kyoto)  
# of Participants: 87 (Senior & Mid-Carrer 38, Young Leaders and Alumni 40, STS and AA-STs Board members 9)

16:00: Opening

Opening Remarks: Dr. Marcia McNutt, President, National Academy of Sciences  
Remarks: Prof. Hiroshi Komiyama, Chairman, STS *forum*  
Remarks: Dr. Hank McKinnell, Chairman, AA-STs *forum*

16:10: Panel Discussion

17:00: Free discussion

17:45: Japanese Tea service by Masters of Ura-Senke School



**Panel Discussion**

Moderator: Dr. Mariko Silver, President, The Henry Luce Foundation, USA  
Leading Panelist: Dr. Rita Colwell, Distinguished University Professor, University Maryland College Park & Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, USA  
Mid-Career Panelist: Dr. Magdalena Skipper, Editor in Chief, Nature, UK  
Young Panelist: Dr. Priscilla Kolibea Mante, Co-Chair, Global Young Academy, Ghana/Germany



**From the participants:**

*"It was an exciting experience that made me reflect on many occasions when I couldn't have opportunities because I'm a mother."* – Senior Research Associate, Qatar–

*"I was genuinely delighted to witness women achieving significant success and attaining high-ranking positions. It's a showing the positive shift we're experiencing from the past to the present."* – Associate Research Officer, Canada –

*"There were very positive effects, for example that it felt as I had closer contact throughout the STS forum with people who attended the FUSE meeting. So, continued the discussion during the rest of the STS forum. It was a good event for me to remind myself about equality questions and how good networking is and how we can support each other, both by small things but also large."* – Professor, Sweden –