

**INVITATION TO Big Science Business Forum 2026
IUPAP SATELLITE EVENT “ATTRACTING FUTURE
WORKFORCE FROM SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES”**



Maastricht, 3 September 2026

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We would like to bring to your attention the workshop “[Attracting future workforce from schools and universities](#)” that we plan in the afternoon of Tuesday 27 October 2026 in Maastricht at the opening of the [BSBF 2026](#) (Big Science Business Forum) conference. This satellite event is organized by IUPAP, the international Union of Pure and Applied Physics, in collaboration with several partners. The aim is to invite young high-school and university students and teachers and make them aware of the exciting opportunities offered by research infrastructures, advanced technologies, and science-driven industries. This workshop builds on several years of international efforts to strengthen collaboration between education, research, and industry stakeholders, pioneered through the Youth@STEM4SF initiative led by S4SF ([Science for Sustainable Future](#)) under the umbrella of [UNESCO International Decade of Science for Sustainable Development](#).

The students will explore the opportunities offered by STEM-related careers in research and industry and discuss the broader role of science and innovation in addressing societal challenges. School teachers and career guidance professionals are also welcome.

After a networking lunch, the participants will hear presentations from industry and research infrastructure representatives, a panel discussion on "Big Science, Research, Industry and Education" and get into an interactive working session on societal contribution of the Big Science ecosystem, and future skills required for related careers.

We would like to ask if you could share this information with your teachers and students and give them the opportunity to join this workshop, which is **free of charge**. **Registration** through the [BSBF 2026 website](#) is nevertheless required because of the limited number of participants. Deadline is **20 September 2026**. The venue and program of the workshop are available on [this website](#).

We hope to have raised your own interest and that of your students willing to participate.

Thank you for your engagement and readiness to follow up on this initiative. Do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

Best regards,

Organisers BSBF 2026