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DR. ANNE BOWSER is the Director for Innovation with the Science and Technology Innovation Program (STIP) at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. The mission of STIP is to understand how new technologies and innovative governance models can help governments, NGOs, and the private sector accelerate the pace of scientific research and innovation.

Dr. Bowser’s work focuses on understanding and mobilizing public participation in science, technology, and policy through crowdsourcing and citizen science. She leads the Secretariat of the Citizen Science Global Partnership (CSGP), a network-of-networks launched in conjunction with the 2017 UN-Environment Assembly that seeks to promote citizen science for a sustainable world.

By 2020, the Citizen Science Global Partnership will offer a coordinated point of entry for government, NGO, and business partners to work with the global citizen science community; network and support geographical communities of practice; network and support groups projects conducting similar research; support the collection of open and interoperable citizen science data; and, understand and track how citizen science can support the sustainable development goals. Dr. Bowser’s PhD, awarded in 2015 from the University of Maryland, explored how mobile technologies can be designed to engage new types of citizen science volunteers.