

Science and innovation for people, planet and nature

Wednesday, 26 July, 13:30-14:30 (CET) – Austria Room



Background and objectives

Today's knowledge, technologies, and innovative approaches can turn negative relationship between food systems and climate change into a positive and mutually beneficial one. This event will outline how international cooperation on priority technology areas identified as part of the Breakthrough Agenda can sustainably increase agricultural productivity and incomes, reduce GHG emissions, safeguard soil, water resources, and natural ecosystems, and build climate resilience. It will look at how the enabling environment—changes in governance, policy and investments—can accelerate the transformative potential of these innovations and the flow of international climate finance to deliver the SDGs and a nature-positive food-secure future.

Expected outcomes

The event will raise awareness of the feasibility of the 2023 Breakthrough Agenda Report recommendations to contribute to food systems transformation. Participants will explore successes and bottlenecks of country-led action in innovation ecosystems and reflect on governance mechanisms needed to align pathways with global climate and biodiversity processes, and related national implementation mechanisms. They will also discuss the role of finance in scaling up efforts and implementing commitments at country level. The audience will leave the event with insights on the role of international cooperation in strengthening innovation ecosystems that can support national transformation pathways.

Moderator

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Panellists

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Programme

13:30 Welcome, scene setting

13:35 Overview of the 2023 Breakthrough Agenda findings, areas to drive food systems transformation

13:40 Panel discussion

14:00 Questions & answers

14:25 Closing remarks