



Join Us at the UN General Assembly Science Summit (UNGA79): METROFOOD-RI's Session on Agroecology, Sustainability, and Innovation

Dear,

We are excited to announce that **METROFOOD-RI will be participating in the upcoming Science Summit during the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA79)**, taking place from September 10 to 27, 2024. This prestigious hybrid event will be held both online and in-person in New York City, featuring a comprehensive program with 400 sessions, 1800 speakers, and 12,000 participants.

The 2024 Science Summit will spotlight the pivotal role of science and innovation in advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). METROFOOD-RI is thrilled to contribute to this important discussion, particularly in the context of the agrifood sector. As underscored by the SDGs, ensuring sustainable food production, securing employment, and delivering high-quality, safe products are vital for our global community. Research Infrastructures (RIs) like METROFOOD-RI are instrumental in addressing these challenges by integrating resources, data, and services to benefit all stakeholders in the agrifood sector.

We cordially invite you to join us for our hybrid session titled ***"Agroecology, Sustainability & Innovation - a Pathway for Agrifood"*** scheduled for **September 25, 2024, at 4:00 PM New York time - EDT (10:00 PM CEST)**.

This session will explore:

- The role of Research Infrastructures in tackling agrifood system challenges
- The "One Health" approach and its significance in promoting food quality and safety
- Innovations and strategies for improving food authenticity, traceability, and sustainability

Our distinguished speakers include:

- **Claudia Zoani** (ENEA, Italy) - Agrifood system challenges and the contribution of Research Infrastructures to the SDGs
- **Nastasia Belc** (IBA, Romania) - One Health as a driver of sustainable food systems
- **Joris Van Loco** (Sciensano, Belgium) - Risk assessment of food contaminants and additives
- **Nives Ogrinc** (JSI, Slovenia) - Emerging challenges in food authenticity and traceability
- **Barbora Lampová** (CZU, Czechia) - Sustainable alternative food and feed protein sources
- **Karl Presser** (PREMOTEK, Switzerland) - Digital Research Infrastructure
- **Maria Fernandes-Whaley** (NMISA, South Africa) - Advancing sustainable agri-food systems through scientific metrology

For more details about METROFOOD-RI, please visit: [METROFOOD-RI Website](#).

To learn more about UNGA79 and the Science Summit, please visit: [Science Summit UNGA79](#).

We look forward to your participation in this discussion on the future of agrifood systems and their role in achieving the UN SDGs.

Sincerely,

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