Investments in agricultural research and development generate among the greatest impacts on agricultural productivity growth and poverty reduction per dollar spent, though most African governments invest less than 1% of agricultural GDP in agricultural research. This virtual event is structured as a dialogue, building on earlier events from the UN Food Systems Summit and AGRF 2021, convening leaders to identify the priority actions for investments in agricultural research, development, and extension and an enabling policy environment.

Presentations and discussion will draw from recent evidence, including the BIFAD-commissioned study, Agricultural Productivity Growth, Resilience, and Economic Transformation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Implications for USAID, and look to build or expand upon recommendations put forward in the 2021 African Agricultural Status Report and a previous BIFAD co-hosted UN FSS Science Days event. Registration for the 2021 Borlaug Dialogue is not necessary to attend this side event.