Following the session of the Inter-sessional Panel of the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) on the Impact of Rapid Technological Change on Sustainable Development in which Dr. Shashi Buluswar outlines the principle role of science and technology in achieving the SDGs, we invite you to a follow-up discussion on how we can collectively strengthen the STI ecosystem at a regional level to accelerate the development and commercialization of these breakthrough technologies by 2030.

We will discuss the important policy considerations that will enable strong country-level STI agendas and profile a few case examples of countries who are contributing to and benefitting from the adoption of the 50 Breakthroughs body of work to inform STI priorities.

**Wednesday, 16 Jan 2019 - 14.15-15.00**
**Conference Room C3 (C-building)**
**Vienna International Center**
**Side event of the CSTD 2018-2019 Inter-sessional Panel**

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