To support the goals of the Paris Agreement, the OECD launched the Inclusive Forum on Carbon Mitigation Approaches (IFCMA) in February 2023. The IFCMA is the OECD’s flagship initiative to help optimise the global impact of emissions reduction efforts around the world through better data and information sharing, evidence-based mutual learning and better mutual understanding, and inclusive multilateral dialogue.

This event will bring together OECD Secretary-General Mathias Cormann, UNFCCC Executive Secretary Simon Stiell, and Environment and Finance Ministers from a number of countries to discuss some of the challenges countries face in enhancing mitigation ambition and how work under the IFCMA can support countries’ efforts. It will consider how detailed information and analysis on countries’ mitigation policies, strengthened mutual understanding of the effects of different policy instruments on emissions, and a platform for evidence-based multilateral exchange can support both country effort towards international climate goals and Paris Agreement processes.

Opening remarks
12:15 – 12:30
OECD Secretary-General Mathias Cormann and UNFCCC Executive Secretary Simon Stiell will provide opening remarks, reflecting on the rationale, objectives and scope of the IFCMA, and how it can support the goals and work of the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement.

• Mathias Cormann, Secretary-General of the OECD
• Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC

Panel discussion: The role of enhanced data and information sharing, mutual learning and understanding, and inclusive dialogue in delivering effective mitigation policies
12:30 – 13:40
Mr. Martin Baur, IFCMA Co-Chair, will moderate a high-level panel discussion on the challenges countries face in transforming their NDCs into effective mitigation policies and how peer-learning, enhanced data and information sharing, and inclusive multilateral dialogue under the IFCMA can support governments in tackling these challenges (50 minutes). The panel will focus on the following discussion questions:
• What particular mix of mitigation approaches is your country pursuing to implement your NDC? What challenges are countries facing in designing and implementing mitigation policies? How could peer-learning among countries assist?

• How can consistent, structured data on mitigation and mitigation-relevant policies across countries, and analysis on the effects of diverse policy approaches on emissions, support increased ambition both at the country and international levels?

• To achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement, we need to ensure that countries’ efforts truly accomplish global emission reductions and do not merely displace emissions. How can the IFCMA’s inclusive multilateral dialogue complement countries’ efforts to promote the effectiveness of combined carbon mitigation efforts?

The Moderator will summarise the key points raised in the panel discussion and open the floor for an exchange with the audience (20 minutes). The moderator will then close the discussion and invite OECD Secretary-General Mathias Cormann back onstage.

Closing remarks
13:40 – 13:45
OECD Secretary-General Mathias Cormann will provide closing remarks.