

European Alliance for Innovation

## **Smart Life Summit**

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## **Areas of Interest**





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🕰 Mobility

Sustainability

Bright Young Minds



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## Improving the Lives of the Poorest of the Poorest

It is easy to imagine technological advancement as creating new products and services that benefit a wealthy population. But recent technological innovations have likely had a much greater effect on improving the lives of the poor. A generation ago, roughly 40 percent of the world's population lived on a bare subsistence existence. By 2020, roughly only 10 percent of the world's population was at the same subsistence level. Most of the world's population still live in poverty of a few dollars a day, but these income levels are still advances on a generation ago. For the poorest of the poor, the past generation has likely seen the greatest economic advancement in human history.

The Smart Life Summit 2023 conference will highlight many of the technologies that have helped reduce poverty in the past generation, and new innovations in the pipeline that will help the poor in generations to come. These technologies include: artificial intelligence, health, energy, security, mobility, and sustainability.