BIFAD Public Meeting Agenda


Tuesday, September 12, 2017
8:00 am–5:00 pm EDT
National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC

8:00–8:30  Registration / Coffee & Tea

8:30–8:50  Welcome Remarks / Introductions

  Brady Deaton  Chancellor Emeritus, University of Missouri and Acting BIFAD Chairman

  Ann Bartuska  Acting Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics and Acting Chief Scientist, U.S. Department of Agriculture

8:50–9:00  Update on Global Food Security Act

  Sean Jones  Senior Deputy Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Food Security, USAID


  Nora Lapitan  Chief, Research Division, Office of Agricultural Research and Policy, Bureau for Food Security, USAID [click here to view PowerPoint slides]

9:15–9:40  Discussion / Q&A

9:40–10:30  Cutting Edge Science for Development

  Moderator: Tim Dalton  Director, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Sorghum and Millet, Kansas State University

  Jesse Poland  Director, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Applied Wheat Genomics, Kansas State University [click here to view PowerPoint slides]

  Jesse Poland  Leveraging “Big Data” for Wheat Improvement in Kansas & Around the World
Doug Cook  
Harnessing an International Network to Deliver Focused Upstream Research to Real World Outcomes in Farmer Fields

Director, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Climate Resilient Chickpeas, University of California, Davis  
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Susan Lamont  
Cutting-Edge Animal Genomics to Enhance Food Security in Africa

Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Professor of Animal Science, Iowa State University; research partner, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Genomics to Improve Poultry  
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10:30–11:00  
Break

11:00–11:50  
Practical Applications of Research Results

Moderator: Betty Bugusu

Elizabeth Mitcham  
Lessons Learned from Scaling Technologies

Director, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Horticulture, University of California, Davis  
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Cynthia Donovan  
No Single Silver Bullet: A Suite of Technologies for Productivity Gains in Grain Legumes

Deputy Director, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Grain Legumes, Michigan State University  
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Karen Brooks  
Practical Applications of Policy Research

Director, CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions, and Markets, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)  
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11:50–12:30  
Applying Research to Emerging Threats

Moderator: Rob Bertram

B.M. Prasanna  
Fall Army Worm; Heat & Drought Tolerant Maize

Director, Global Maize Program, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)  
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Barbara Valent  
Wheat Blast

Distinguished Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, Kansas State University  
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12:30–2:00  **Lunch (provided) / Feed the Future Innovation Labs Science Expo**

2:00–3:00  **Federal and State Investments in Agricultural Research, Panel Discussion**

Moderator: *Gebisa Ejeta*  
Distinguished Professor, Department of Agronomy, Purdue University & BIFAD Member

*Rob Bertram*  
Chief Scientist, Bureau for Food Security, USAID

*Diane Okamuro*  
Science Advisor, Office of International Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation

*Catherine Ronning*  
Program Manager, Biological Systems Science Division, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, U.S. Department of Energy

*John Floros*  
Dean of Agriculture, Research and Extension, Kansas State University

3:00 - 4:00  **Leveraging Private Sector Innovation, Panel Discussion**

Moderator: *Jim Ash*  
Food & Agribusiness Group Leader, Husch Blackwell LLP, and BIFAD member

*Doug Cole*  
Director of Marketing and Communications, J.R. Simplot  
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*Geoff Graham*  
Research Vice President for Global Plant Breeding, DuPont-Pioneer

*Tim Lust*  
CEO, National Sorghum Producers

*Mark Edge*  
Director of Collaborations for Developing Countries, Monsanto

4:00–4:30  **Discussion / Q&A / Public Comment Period**  
Moderated by Brady Deaton

4:30–5:00  Wrap-up / Next Steps  
Brady Deaton

5:00  Adjourn  
Brady Deaton