



Conference Agenda

Thursday, October 1, 2009

*The OAS Hall of the Americas Salon
17th Street & Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, D.C.*

8:00-8:30am

Continental Breakfast (*Hall of Flags*)

8:40-9:00

The True Impact of Agriculture in the Economy

Dr. Chelston Brathwaite

Director General

Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

9:00-9:20

The State of Food in the Americas (The Cost of Hunger)

Jaime Vallauré

Deputy Regional Director and Representative for Panama
Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean

World Food Programme (WFP)

9:20-9:40

Food Security Under Stress

Dr. Joachim von Braun

Director General

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

9:40-10:00

The U.S. Plan to Address Food Security in the Americas

William E. Craft Jr.

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Trade Policy and
Programs in the Bureau of Economics, Energy and
Business Affairs

U.S. Department of State

10:00-10:20

Food Security: A Common Goal for the Americas

Ambassador Albert R. Ramdin

Assistant Secretary General

Organization of American States (OAS)

10:20-10:35

Coffee Break



PANEL 1: Creating an Enabling Environment for Investment in Agriculture

10:40-10:50

Panel Opening/Introduction

Moderator: Ambassador Anthony Johnson

*Permanent Representative of Jamaica
to the United States and OAS*

10:50-11:00

Diego Arias Carballo

*Agricultural Economist
World Bank*

11:00-11:10

Hector Malarín

*Chief - Environmental, Rural Development and Disaster
Risk Management Division
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*

11:10-11:20

Adrián Rodríguez

*Officer in Charge, Agricultural Development Unit
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
(ECLAC)*

11:20-11:30

Oscar Luzuriaga

*Regional Vice President
Latin American Agribusiness Development Corporation (LAAD)*

11:30-11:40

Dr. Josef Schmidhuber

*Senior Economist, Head of Global Perspective Studies Unit
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)*

11:40-12:10

Discussion

12:10-12:25

Coffee Break/ Light Snacks



PANEL 2: A National Food Security Plan: Some Considerations

12:30-12:40

Panel Opening/Introduction

Moderator: Dr. Elsa A. Murano

Board Member, The Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD), Professor and President Emerita- Texas A&M University

12:40-12:50

Dr. Alex F. McCalla

Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Emeritus University of California-Davis

12:50-1:00

Dr. Edwin C. Price

Associate Vice Chancellor and Director Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture

1:00-1:10

Dr. Daniel J. Gustafson

Director of the Liaison Office for North America Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

1:10-1:20

Brian Bohunicky

Director General International Markets Bureau Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

1:20-1:30

Dr. Manuel Peña

PAHO/WHO Representative in Perú Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

1:30-2:00

Discussion

2:00-2:15

Summary Remarks

Dr. James French

Director of Technical Leadership and Knowledge Management Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)



2:15-2:20

Appreciation, 2010 Workshops and Next Steps

David C. Hatch

Associate Deputy Director General

Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

2:20-2:30

Conference Close and Charge

Ambassador Albert R. Ramdin

Assistant Secretary General

Organization of American States (OAS)

2:30-4:30

Reception

(Hall of the Americas)

-Documentary: Food Security and the Rural Woman Farmer

-Special Video Message: President William J. Clinton



IICA-OAS FOOD SECURITY CONFERENCE

Objectives:

1. Bring attention to the needs and opportunities to invest in agriculture in Latin America and the Caribbean.
 2. Position food security for discussion at the Fifth Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life in the context of the Summit of the Americas process, and the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) to be held in Jamaica October 2009.
 3. Raise visibility of the importance of food security and agriculture which was reaffirmed in the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain, at the Fifth Summit of the Americas.
 4. Promote hemispheric workshops throughout 2010, thus leading to the creation of National Food Security Plans in the Member States.
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