



The Crawford Fund Annual International Conference, Canberra

WORLD FOOD SECURITY: Can Private Sector R&D Feed the Poor?

Tuesday 27 October 2009 | Parliamentary Conference ~ The Theatre, Parliament House | Conference Dinner ~ The Mural Hall, Parliament House

Wednesday 28 October 2009 | Parliamentary Breakfast ~ The Mural Hall, Parliament House

THE PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE

8:00 Registration

OPENING AND SETTING THE SCENE

8:45-11:00

8:45 Welcome and Introductions

The Hon Neil Andrew AO, Chairman, The Crawford Fund

8:50 Opening Address

The Hon Stephen Smith MP, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs (TBC)

9:05 Private Sector R&D and Small Farmers: What Is and What Can Be?

Dr Marco Ferroni, Executive Director, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture

9:30 Reassessing Public-Private Roles in Agricultural R&D for Economic Development

Professor Phillip Pardey, Professor of Science and Technology Policy, the Department of Applied Economics and Director of the University of Minnesota's International Science and Technology Practice and Policy Center

9:55 Press conference (Theatre)

10:00 MORNING TEA in Mural Hall

THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN AGRICULTURAL INPUTS

11:00-1:00

11:00 Introductions by Chair

Dr Nick Austin, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research

11:05 Soil Fertility and Fertiliser Research and Development

Dr Amit H. Roy, President and Chief Executive Officer, IFDC – An International Centre Creating Food Security and Agricultural Sustainability

11:20 Livestock and Their Health Products and Services

Dr Doug Gray, ACIAR Research Program Manager and formerly Regional Coordinator for the International Livestock Research Institute

11:35 Agricultural Machinery - Problems and Potential

Dr Jeff Tullberg, Director CTF Solutions; Hon. Research Consultant, University of Queensland

12:00 LUNCH in Mural Hall

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

1:00-3:30

1:00 Introductions by Chair

Dr Peter O'Brien, Managing Director, Rural Industries R&D Corporation

1:05 A Private Sector Perspective

Dr William Niebur, Vice President, DuPont Crop Genetics Research and Development and a member of Private Sector Committee for the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research

Partnership Case Studies from Agricultural Research Centres

1:30 Staple Crops, Smallholder Farmers and Multinationals

Dr Thomas Lumpkin, Director General, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT) and Ms Janice Armstrong, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Asia Pacific & China, Monsanto

2:00 Private Sector Partnering on Crops for the Poorest of the Poor

CL Laxmipathi Gowda, Global Theme Leader-Crop Improvement and Management, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics

2:20 Vegetables and Small Private Sector Interests

Dr Dyno Keatinge, Director General, AVRDC - The World Vegetable Centre

2:40 AFTERNOON TEA in Mural Hall

ENCOURAGING CREATIVE CAPITALISM IN AFRICA AND ASIA

3:30-4:15

3:30 Introductions by Chair

Mr Peter Baxter, Acting Director-General, AusAID

3:35 The Private Sector and 'A Green Revolution for Africa'

Dr Namanga Ngongi, President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa

3:55 Linking Asia's Farmers to the Global Economy

Dr Peter Horne, Research Program Manager, ACIAR and formerly at the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) based in Asia

PANEL "QANDA" SESSION

4:15-5:00

4:15 Chair of Q&A panel session of a range of speakers

Mr Michael Taylor, Chair of the Murray Darling Basin Authority and former head of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

5:00 Close for Dinner

The Hon Neil Andrew AO, Chairman, The Crawford Fund

THE CONFERENCE DINNER

SIR JOHN CRAWFORD MEMORIAL ADDRESS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA, THE HON. KEVIN RUDD MP

2009 is the 25th anniversary of the death of Sir John Crawford, a remarkable Australian who contributed at the highest levels to the development of Australia and other countries, and was a passionate supporter of international agricultural research for development.

From 2009, the Crawford Conference will include a Memorial Address by a leading figure in international development. In this inaugural year, the Prime Minister of Australia has been invited to give the address but this will be confirmed closer to the date. The subject and content of the lecture is left to the discretion of the chosen speaker but it is expected that it will be on a major issue of international development.

6:30 Guests to arrive at the Mural Hall, Parliament House, to be seated for the address at 7.00pm. Dinner to follow from 7.30pm – 9.00pm

THE PARLIAMENTARY BREAKFAST

CONCLUSIONS AND THE WAY FORWARD

7:00 Registration

7:30 Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

The Hon Neil Andrew AO, Chairman, The Crawford Fund

8:00 Reflections, Conclusions and the Way Ahead

Dr Prabhu Pingali, eminent agricultural economist, Deputy Director of Agricultural Development at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; formerly, the Director of the Agricultural and Development Economics Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

8:20 Australian Private Sector Investment in Australian and International Agriculture

Dr Joanne Daly, Group Executive, Agribusiness, CSIRO

8:40 Questions and Answers

9:00 Closing Remarks

The Hon Neil Andrew AO, Chairman, The Crawford Fund