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**AN INVITATION TO:
ETHICS, EFFICIENCY AND FOOD SECURITY:
FEEDING THE 9 BILLION, WELL**

**ANNUAL PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE OF THE CRAWFORD FUND
26-28 August 2014
Parliament House, Canberra**

The Crawford Fund's annual conference in 2014 will focus on a range of vital issues facing the developing world and Australia in efforts to produce more food in an ethical and efficient way. This challenge will resonate for policy makers, farmers, business people, development professionals, representatives of civil society and peak industry bodies, academics and researchers.

Ideas and scenarios of varying quality, relevance and precision have entered the global food security debate. A clutter and diversity of views appear in journals, conferences and the media. Quite often, these ideas are presented as scientific fact when, in fact, they are not. The distortion may be crowding out the quintessence: the need to increase global food production in ways that are ethical and efficient for farmers, consumers and the environment.

In these cost constrained days, this key event in the development and food security calendar in Australia provides a cost efficient way for you to make contact with senior international and Australian policy and research leaders. In addition to this unparalleled professional and personal networking opportunity, it provides a forum for sharing knowledge and experiences, testing and validating ideas and discussing solutions.

The 2014 conference will cover the critical pathways and the economics of food insecurity and the issues around advanced technologies, waste, nutrition security, population, livestock, biofuels and the international dimensions of Australia's white paper on agricultural competitiveness. Within our program, international speakers include:

- Prof Catherine Bertini, Senior Fellow, Global Agricultural Development Initiative, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs; former Executive Director, UN World Food Programme (1992-2002)
- Rachel Kyte, World Bank Group Vice President and Special Envoy for Climate Change
- Kate Gilmore, Assistant Secretary-General & Deputy Executive Director (Programme), UN Population Fund
- Dr Shenggen Fan, Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute
- Dr Willie Dar, Director General, International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics
- Yudi Guntara Noor, President, Asian-Australasian Association of Animal Production Societies
- Dr Nguyen Van Bo, President, Vietnamese Academy of Agricultural Sciences
- Dr Norah Omot, Director, Enabling Environment Program, PNG National Agricultural Research Institute.

The full program, biographies for all speakers and online registration are on our [website](#).

You will notice that for the first time, we are also offering delegates an opportunity join us in our efforts to encourage young people into careers in international agricultural research by supporting additional young scientists and students to attend with the group that the Fund now supports each year.

I hope you can join us and be part of our deliberations in Canberra to help frame the way forward in food security, in an environment that is rife with tensions, conflicts and competition.

Yours sincerely

The Hon John Kerin AO - Chairman