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ETHICS, EFFICIENCY AND FOOD SECURITY: FEEDING THE 9 BILLION, WELL

How can we increase global food production in ways that are ethical, efficient and profitable for farmers, consumers and the environment?

This is the question at the core of the range of issues to be discussed at the Crawford Fund's annual conference titled "Ethics, Efficiency and Food Security: Feeding The 9 Billion, Well" being held in Canberra 26-28 August. The conference will be opened by The Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs and focus on a range of vital issues causing some tension in the developing world and Australia in efforts to produce more food in an ethical and efficient way.

Speakers' bios and abstracts are all available here and the program includes:

- **Prof Catherine Bertini, World Food Prize winner** and former Executive Director, United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) presenting the Sir John Crawford memorial address titled *"Effective, Efficient, Ethical Solution to Feeding 9 Billion: Invest in Women."*
- Ms Rachel Kyte, World Bank Group Vice President and Special Envoy for Climate Change addressing a new food system where nutrition, climate change and sustainability collide.
- **Dr Shenggen Fan, winner of the 2014 UNWFP Hunger Hero Award** and Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute the preeminent food policy think tank explaining why food insecurity & undernutrition don't make economic sense.
- Dr Laurent Zessler, Director and Representative for UNFPA's Pacific Office addressing how food security and population growth are connected.
- **Dr Elizabeth Finkel, author and Chief Editor of Cosmos,** Australia's popular science magazine, on whether modern technology, including GM, should be considered a saviour or threat?
- Helen Szoke, Chief Executive, Oxfam Australia highlighting food waste in wealthy and developing countries.

Other issues being considered are:

- Long term food demand in Asia and implications for Australia and emerging economies
- Food vs feed: the livestock equation in food security
- Food vs energy: should crops be used for feeding our population or generating energy
- Food vs nutrition security: feeding people, well

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