Media are welcome to attend
Embargoed media releases will be available here
Interviews can be prearranged from Monday, 13 August

RESHAPING AGRICULTURE FOR BETTER NUTRITION

The imperative to reshape agriculture to meet the competing nutritional needs of the hungry and the obese, in poor and wealthy countries alike, within the finite resources of our environment is the focus of ‘Reshaping Agriculture for Better Nutrition: The Agriculture, Food, Nutrition, Health Nexus’, to be held in Canberra on 13-14 August.

The Hon Julie Bishop, Minister for Foreign Affairs will address the Crawford Fund’s 2018 annual conference at 4pm on 14 August in the Theatrette, Parliament House. Other speakers’ bios and abstracts are all available here

Frances Adamson, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade will present this year’s Sir John Crawford Memorial address on Monday night at the conference dinner at the QT Hotel Ballroom. Ms Adamson Frances will be addressing, ‘Food, Climate Change and National Security.’

For the full day event in the Theatrette, Parliament House on Tuesday from 9am, the program includes:

- Dr Alessandro Demaio, CEO of the Eat Foundation, delivering the morning keynote arguing that a revolution is needed to transform food systems for food and nutrition security.
- Rebecca Boustead, Kellogg Asia Pacific presenting the afternoon private sector keynote on what the private sector offers in achieving sustainable impact for nutrition.
- Dr Jessica Fanzo, Co-chair of the Global Nutrition Report and Bloomberg Distinguished Professor, Johns Hopkins University will address the challenges and impacts of malnutrition.
- Professor Glenn Denning from Columbia University and the Earth Institute will discuss policies and practices for positive results on malnutrition.
- Dr Marco Wopereis, Director General of the World Vegetable Center will focus on the vital importance of tapping into the nutritional power of vegetables.
- Professor Andrew Campbell, CEO, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research will outline lessons from agricultural research for nutrition and health.
- Joanna Kane-Potaka, Executive Director of the Smart Food initiative will argue that Australia should get smart with ‘Smart Food’.

Other speakers will present a set of innovative case studies covering work of impact for nutrition security in PNG, Timor Leste, Africa and Bangladesh with fisheries, livestock, traditional vegetables, gene technology for biofortification, and behavioural change.