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### SCIENCE FOR NOURISHING THE WORLD, SUSTAINABLY

Australia and Australians have a proud history of being part of the global efforts to improve food and nutrition security. The contemporary challenge is to transform land, water and agrifood systems in a climate crisis. But what of the emerging research for development agenda?

This will be addressed by Professor Andrew Campbell, CEO of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) in his keynote presentation to the Crawford Fund's 2022 international conference, which marks the Fund's 35th anniversary and ACIAR's 40th.

The conference, Australia's key food security event, is titled *Celebrating Agriculture for Development – Outcomes, Impacts and the Way Ahead* and will be held on 15-16 August in Parliament House, Canberra and online. The conference will also be addressed by Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator the Hon Murray Watt.

"Since ACIAR and the Crawford Fund were established in the 1980s, much has changed in our efforts to improve global food security. The technical challenge is now far more complex and it is no longer sufficient to simply grow more food," explained Professor Campbell, who has written widely on sustainability and the science-policy interface.

"We certainly need to produce more food, but it must be healthier food, grown more sustainably, shared more equitably, while wasting much less."

"For the first time in human history, we need to shrink the global footprint of agriculture in terms of the amount of land, water, energy, nutrients and carbon we use or emit per unit of food consumed by people."

"Covid 19, the sixth zoonotic pandemic since 1980, reminds us of the intricate connections between animal health and human health."

Professor Campbell will review lessons from ACIAR's 40 years of bilateral and multilateral investment, the outlook for regional food security and the emerging research for development agenda.

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