

MEDIA ALERT

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MANAGING RISK TO BUILD RESILIENCE FOR FOOD SECURITY

Australia's key food security event, the **Crawford Fund's 2023 Annual Conference** on 5 September in Canberra, brings eminent international and Australian specialists together to consider how to better manage on and off farm risks to build resilient farming systems for food and nutrition security.

"Global Food Security in a Riskier World: Diversification for Resilient Food and Nutrition Systems," will be held at the QT Hotel, London Circuit in Canberra, and online, from 9am-5pm on Tuesday, 5 September.

Media are welcome to attend, and interviews can be prearranged with all speakers including:

Dr Cary Fowler, US President Biden's Special Envoy on Food Security and "father" of the Svalbard Global Seed Vault, presenting the Keynote Address at 9.30am, explaining the need to 'get back to the basics' to strengthen the resilience of agriculture and believes Australia has a lot to offer the world.

Prof Wendy Umberger making her first presentation as new CEO of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research at 10.15am, raising the plethora of on-farm risks and solutions for farmers the world over.

Em Prof Kym Anderson AC, winner of the prestigious Crawford Fund medal and leading international trade and development economist presents at 11.20am, arguing that the current focus on policies and funding around climate change should not mean we overlook the on-going need for improving price and trade policies and markets for natural capital.

They will be joined in conversation at 3.30pm with the Crawford Fund Chair, The Hon John Anderson AC and innovation, gender equity and sustainable development expert **Dr Éliane Ubalijoro** to discuss policy settings for managing risk and building resilience.

Other speakers include:

Dr Warren T K Lee, global food systems and nutrition expert from the UN FAO who will explore solutions for healthier diets, better nutrition and health amidst climate change.

Prof Jamie Pittock, from the Fenner School of Environment and Society at ANU who's address will focus on Australian innovations having an impact for sustainable intensification.

Prof Kadambot Siddique, an internationally recognised agricultural scientist from UWA who will outline the role of neglected and underutilised crops in this UN International Year of Millets.

Dr Roya Khalil, R&D and innovation specialist for Incitec Pivot Fertilisers, will discuss on-farm solutions for the future through biofertilisers and enhanced efficiency fertilisers.

Ben Fargher, environmental markets lead for Cargill Asia Pacific, and former NFF CEO, will address resiliency of the global food system in the face of geopolitical instability and COVID.

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