

Progress and Prospects for Climate-Resilient Agrifood Systems: Actionable Recommendations for Policymakers and Practitioners

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Monday, 11 August 2025 6-9pm | THE GREAT HALL, PARLIAMENT HOUSE

“Trade-offs and Tough Choices: Lessons in Leadership from the Frontlines of Policy”

by The Hon Joel Fitzgibbon, Crawford Fund Board Member and former Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Vote of Thanks: Mikayla Hyland-Wood, President, RAID Network

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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0830	REGISTRATION
0900	OPENING SESSION – WELCOME The Hon John Anderson AC, FTSE, Chair, The Crawford Fund
0910	SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HON KATE THWAITES, SPECIAL ENVOY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE
0915	CRAWFORD FUND MEDAL PRESENTATION Presentation of the Crawford Fund Medal to internationally renowned agricultural scientist, educator and collaborator, Professor Kadambot Siddique AM CitiWA FTSE
0930	SESSION 1: KEYNOTE - ACHIEVING UNIVERSAL FOOD SECURITY IN AN ADVERSELY CHANGING CLIMATE Chair: Ms Su McCluskey, FCPA FTSE, Member of the Crawford Fund Board of Directors and Former Special Representative for Australian Agriculture Keynote: Professor Glenn Denning, Professor of Professional Practice, Columbia University
0955	MODERATED Q&A
1010	SESSION 2: CAN WE FEED THE WORLD WITH NET ZERO EMISSIONS? Chair: Ms Jennifer Kelly, Senior Innovation Systems Broker, CSIRO Agriculture and Food Sustainability Research Program Overview: Prof Richard Eckard, Professor of Carbon Farming at the University of Melbourne and Zero Net Emissions Agriculture CRC Program Leader Case studies: • Low Emissions Solutions for Rice, and the Way Forward , Dr Ando Radanielson, Senior Scientist, International Rice Research Institute • Convergence: The Potential Legal Implications of Juggling Environmental Responsibility with Economic Ambition , Ms Caitlin McConnel, Australian Farmer & Lawyer • Climate Services for Agriculture in Australia and the Pacific , Dr Leanne Webb, Science Lead, Asia-Pacific Climate Intelligence, CSIRO • Carbon and Financial Performance and Opportunities of Sylvopastoral Systems , Dr Tyron Venn, Senior Research Fellow, School of Agriculture and Food Sustainability, University of Queensland
1030	
1110	MODERATED Q&A
1125	MORNING TEA
1200	SESSION 3: ACHIEVING A PATHWAY TO CLIMATE RESILIENCE: LESSONS FROM THE ASIA, AFRICA & PACIFIC REGIONS • Lessons from Asia and Africa , Dr Aditi Mukherji, Principal Scientist – Climate Action in the Livestock, Climate and Environment Program of the International Livestock Research Institute • Lessons from the Pacific , Professor Graham Sem, Environmental Science and Geography Discipline Lead, University of PNG
1235	GUIDED DISCUSSION BY SHAUN COFFEY, CEO, CRAWFORD FUND
1300	LUNCH
1400	SESSION 4: RESILIENCE THROUGH EQUITY, INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION Chair: Mr Nigel Hart, Managing Director, GRDC Overview: Dr Purnima Menon, Senior Director, Food and Nutrition Policy and Acting Senior Director, Transformation Strategies, IFPRI Case studies: • Cultivating Resilience: Feminisation as a Pathway to Climate Adaptation in Cambodia's Agriculture , Dr Sonia Akter, Associate Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU • Including Women's Voices in Climate and Environment Governance in Timor-Leste , Mr Acacio Sarmento da Silva, Senior Research Analyst, WorldFish • Aka'tika Uira (Realign the Wheel): An Analysis of the Climate Adaptation Methods Adopted by Farmers in Rarotonga, Cook Islands , Ms Selane Tairea, Research Officer, Te Puna Vai Marama – Cook Islands Centre for Research, University of the South Pacific • Empowered or Just a Metric Index? Women in Indonesia's Dairy Households , Ms Vyta Hanifah, PhD Candidate, University of Adelaide and Researcher in National Research and Innovation Agency, Indonesia
1420	
1510	MODERATED Q&A
1525	AFTERNOON TEA
1605	SESSION 5: CONVERSATION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICYMAKERS AND PRACTITIONERS Moderator: Professor Wendy Umberger, Chief Executive Officer, ACIAR • Professor Glenn Denning, Professor of Professional Practice, Columbia University • Ms Caitlin McConnel, Australian Farmer & Lawyer • Dr Purnima Menon, Senior Director, Food and Nutrition Policy and Acting Senior Director, Transformation Strategies, IFPRI • Dr Aditi Mukherji, Principal Scientist – Climate Action in the Livestock, Climate and Environment Program of ILRI • Prof Graham Sem, Environmental Science & Geography Discipline Lead, University of PNG
1635	MODERATED Q&A
1650	SUMMING UP AND THE WAY AHEAD Shaun Coffey, CEO, Crawford Fund
1700	CLOSE