



CABI global summit

food security in a climate of change

provisional programme

Monday 19 October – members and invited observers only

1400-1800: Afternoon registration

1800: Official opening ceremony – **Dr Trevor Nicholls**, Chief Executive Officer, CABI

1930: Welcome reception – Min Jiang Restaurant, Royal Garden Hotel

Tuesday 20 October – open session

0830–0900: Welcoming address

Dr Trevor Nicholls, Chief Executive Officer, CABI

0900–1045: Food security – helping to achieve Millennium Development Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty & Hunger

Rising food prices, driven by increasing demands for food, changing food preferences, economic growth, rising fuel prices, and inappropriate agricultural policies, have eroded progress towards this goal. Experts will discuss initiatives in place to help achieve the targets set in 2000.

Chair: **Andrew Bennett**, former Executive Director, Syngenta Foundation

key note speakers:

Professor Rudy Rabbinge, Chairman, CGIAR Science Council

Dr Julie Flood, Global Director, CABI

Other speakers to be confirmed

Followed by panel debate

1045–1115: Networking break

1115–1300: Climate change – the influence on food security

The global impacts and consequences of climate change on food security are already being felt. Changing temperatures, greenhouse gas concentrations and precipitation patterns have had a direct effect on crop yields, while the resulting increases in insect and plant diseases and weeds are major constraints to crop production. Experts will discuss what direct and indirect effects climate change has had, and how this has interacted with other issues.

key note speakers:

Dr Lewis H Ziska, Crop Systems & Global Change, USDA ARS[†]

Professor John Beddington, UK Government Chief Scientific Advisor

Dr Lindsey Norgrove, Global Director, CABI

Other speakers to be confirmed

Followed by panel debate

1300–1400: Lunch and opportunity for further discussions

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1400–1600: Trade & markets – the impact on food security

Experts will discuss the complex issues of trade and markets and the potential impact that trade reform and addressing access to markets can have on the ability of the agricultural sector to contribute to improved food security.

key note speakers:

Speakers to be confirmed

Followed by panel debate

1600–1630: Networking break

1630–1800: Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in agricultural development

Information and knowledge play a key role in agricultural development and in ensuring food security. ICTs are transforming activities which depend on information and present new, often low cost opportunities for disseminating and sharing information and knowledge. Experts will present an overview of the potential impact of these on agricultural development, and provide information on specific initiatives of interest.

key note speakers:

Dr Harsha Liyanage, Managing Director, Sarvodaya ICT4D Movement

Dr Elizabeth Dodsworth, Global Director, Knowledge Management, CABI

Other speakers to be confirmed

Followed by panel debate

1800–1830: Closing address

CABI – **Dennis Rangi**, Executive Director for International Development, CABI

1930: Evening conference banquet at the historic Lancaster House in central London.

This historic house is steeped in political history and magnificently preserved. The banquet offers you the opportunity to continue discussions with colleagues from around the world.

Wednesday 21 October

– ‘CABI Review Conference’
members and invited observers only

0830–1000: CABI governance and formal procedural changes

(CABI Member Countries only)

0900–1000: CABI project demonstrations

(Parallel session for observers)

1000–1030: Networking break

1030–1230: Follow up from CABI member country regional consultations

Presentations about projects and work to date.

Parallel sessions for Africa, Asia and Caribbean and Latin American groups

1230–1330: Lunch and opportunity for further discussions

1330–1400: Feedback from regional sessions

1400–1500: CABI’s future activities and plans

1500–1530: Networking break

1530–1700: Closing Session

Future reviews

Closing Statements

Member Country Conference dinner

attend the conference to:

- influence & listen to the latest thinking from world-leading experts on food security
- share experiences with representatives from international governments and development organizations
- network with high-level colleagues from around the world and develop business and trade opportunities
- meet representatives from major donors and potential partners
- gain commitment for action to address issues relating to food security

† Speakers to be confirmed

