

# Global Food Security Consortium and the Leroy and Barbara Everson Seed and Biosafety Symposium Closing the Yield Gap – April 29-30, 2014 Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, Ames, IA

*Hosted by Global Food Security Consortium and Iowa State University Seed Science Center*

**Tuesday April 29**

**Registration 8:00-8:30 a.m.**

**Session One: Seeds and Crops – 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. North Prairie Room**

**-Introductory Remarks, Manjit Misra and Max Rothschild**

**-Kenneth Cassman, Robert B. Daugherty Professor of Agronomy, University of Nebraska, *Backcasting Global Food Security: Justification for a Global Yield Gap Atlas***

**-John MacRobert, Seed Systems Specialist, CIMMYT Africa, *Current Developments in African Seed Industry***

**-Harish Reddy, Secretary, National Seed Association of India, *Current Developments in Indian Seed Industry***

**Break 10:30-11:00 am**

**-Marja Thijssen, Senior Advisor Plant Genetic Resources and Seed Systems, Wageningen UR Centre for Development**

*Innovation, Integrated Seed Sector Development*

**-Panel Discussion – Saharah Moon Chapotin, Division Chief, Research, Office of Agricultural Research and Policy, US Agency for International Development, *Moderator***

**Buffet Lunch 12:15 – 1:45 pm Central/South Prairie Room**

**Luncheon Address: Wendy Wintersteen, Endowed Dean of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Iowa State University**

**Session Two: Animals – 1:45-4:45 p.m. North Prairie Room**

**-Introductory Remarks, Max Rothschild**

**-Henning Steinfeld, Chief, Livestock Information, Sector Analysis and Policy Branch, FAO, *Closing the emission gap – global livestock and climate gases***

**-Jimmy Smith, Director General, International Livestock Research Institute, *Closing the livestock yield gaps in the developing World: imperatives for people and the planet***

**-Donald Nkrumah, Senior Program Officer, Agricultural Development – Livestock Genetics, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, *Closing the yield gap: smallholder livestock production and productivity growth***

**Break 3:30-4:00 p.m.**

**-Panel Discussion – Mike Brown, Senior Director, Global Market Access leader for US and Canada, El an Co Animal Health, *Moderator***

**Poster Session and Reception – 4:45-6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday April 30th**

Registration and Coffee 7:45-8:15 a.m.

**Session Three: Sustainable Intensification – 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. North Prairie Room**

**-Introductory Remarks, David Acker, Associate Dean, Academic and Global Programs, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Iowa State University**

**-Jerry Glover, Senior Sustainable Agricultural Systems Adviser, US Agency for International Development**

**-Steven Leath, President, Iowa State University**

**-World Food Programme Representative**

**-Caspar Ammann, NCAR Scientist, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, *Climate Change and Sustainable Intensification***

**Break 10:30-10:50 a.m.**

**-Introductory Remarks, David Lambert**

**-Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics, United States Department of Agriculture**

**-Closing Remarks, Manjit Misra**

**12:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned**