



Conference
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“Scientific Support for Food Security and Global Governance”

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The main objective of the conference is to examine the scientific needs for reconciling the necessity to increase production and competitiveness while respecting sustainable development in the framework of global governance. Key questions relating to food security will be identified and debated with a specific focus on how science, technology and innovation will contribute to food for all and how the European Union will help foster sustainability of supply at a global scale.



WHAT AND WHOM TO EXPECT

The conference will consist of the following 5 sessions:

- Why does an adequate and stable food supply require global measures?
- Agricultural production and sustainability: Will availability and access to resources (land, water) be the key determinants in future patterns of food production?
- Market information and transparency, food prices volatility in particular in the poorest countries
- The need for innovation: Where and how will science and technology, including bioeconomy, contribute to food for all?
- Global governance: Can a better governance of food supply and demand be the most efficient path to food security?

Invited speakers

- MÁIRE GEOGHEGAN-QUINN, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science
- JANEZ POTOČNIK, European Commissioner for Environment
- ANDRIS PIEBALGS, European Commissioner for Development
- DACIAN CIOLOȘ, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development
- Polish EU Council Presidency
- BRUNO LE MAIRE, Minister of Agriculture, Food, Fishing and Rural Development, France, G20 Presidency
- ANN TUTWILER, Vice Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- DAVID NABARRO, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and Coordinator of the High Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis
- JOSEPH ALCAMO, United Nations, Chief Scientist, United Nations Environment Programme
- EIJA PEHU, Senior Adviser, Agricultural and Rural Development Department, World Bank
- RHODA PEACE TUMUSIIME, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union
- SIR JOHN BEDDINGTON, UK Government Chief Scientific Adviser
- DOMINIQUE RISTORI, Director- General, DG Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- PHIL BLOOMER, Director of Campaigns and Policy, OXFAM