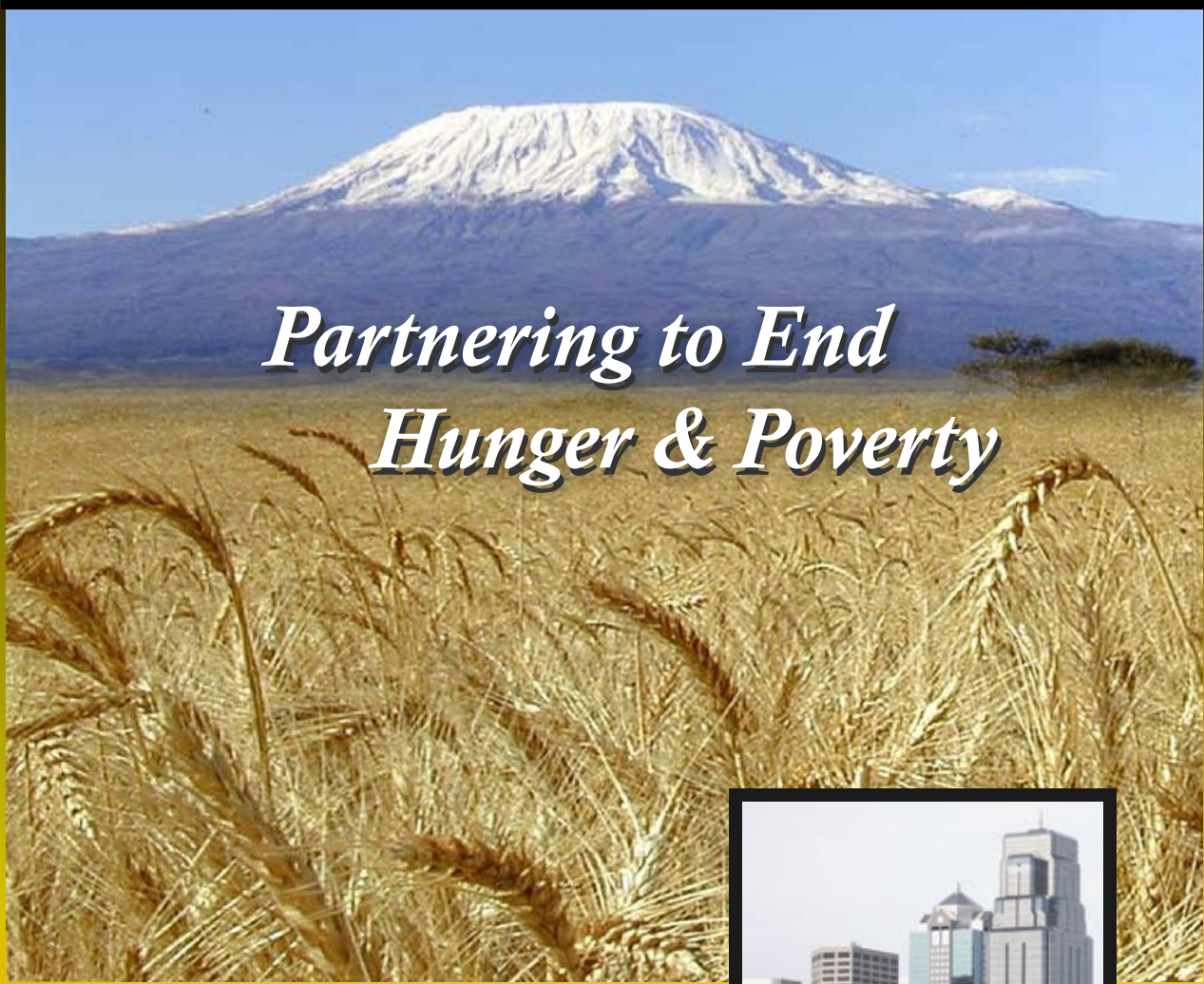




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*Partnering to End
Hunger & Poverty*



April 16 - 18, 2007
Kansas City, Missouri





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About the Conference

This is the largest food aid conference in the United States. More than 800 participants will gather for the ninth annual conference. Participants from over 30 countries are expected and represent private voluntary organizations, commodity and transportation companies, U.S. politicians and their staffs, university scientists and administrators, as well as policy and operations staff from the USAID and USDA.

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Conference Location

Kansas City, Missouri

The Crown Center,
Utilizing the Hyatt Regency and
Westin Crown Center Hotels

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About the Conference Hosts & Food Aid Programs

USAID
www.usaid.gov

Foreign Agriculture Service
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Farm Service Agency
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Topics

- 2007 Farm Bill
- WTO Negotiations
- Emergency and Developmental Aid
- Nutrition
- Supply Chain Management
- Phytosanitary Certification



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2:00 - 6:00 PM	Registration, located in Crown Center, Exhibit Hall B Corridor (Near Hyatt Hotel - Mezzanine Level)
5:30 - 7:30 PM	Welcome Reception, located in Westin Hotel, Century Ballroom

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7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration, located in Crown Center, Exhibit Hall B Corridor (Near Hyatt Hotel - Mezzanine Level)
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast, located in Crown Center, Exhibit Hall A
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Exhibits, located in Crown Center, Exhibit Hall A
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM	<p>General Session, located in Crown Center, Exhibit Hall B</p> <p>8:00 AM Welcoming introduction</p> <hr/> <p>8:30 AM Mr. Mike Hess Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Democracy Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance US Agency for International Development</p> <p><i>USAID and Title II: Moving Forward</i></p> <hr/> <p>9:15 AM Ambassador Gaddi Vasquez US Ambassador to United Nations Agencies in Rome</p> <p><i>Opportunities for Public/Private Partnerships with the United Nations Agencies in Rome</i></p> <hr/> <p>9:45 AM Ms. Michele Moloney-Kitts, Director of Programs at the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator, The US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)</p> <p>The role of nutrition and food in PEPFAR programs around the world and program guidance for country teams on the use of Emergency Plan funds in addressing food and nutrition needs.</p>



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10:00 AM

Break Service, located at Crown Center, Exhibit Hall A

10:30 AM

Panel discussion concerning strengthening US capacity for and leadership in innovative, targeted, and capacity-building Food Aid Programs

Moderator: Mr. Charles Sandefur, President, Adventist Development & Relief Agency International

Panelists:

Dr. Thoric Nils Cederstrom

Vice President, Division of Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture & Global Health and Nutrition Program, Counterpart International

Mr. David Evans

Vice President, Government Resources and Programs
Food for the Hungry

Mr. Avram E. "Buzz" Guroff

Senior Vice President, Food Security and Specialty Crops
ACDI/VOCA

Ms. Gwen O'Donnell

D.C. Office Director and Food Security Technical Officer
Project Concern International

11:30 AM

Dr. Pedro Sanchez, Director, Tropical Agriculture and Rural Environment Program, and Director, Millennium Villages Project of the Earth Institute at Columbia University

Eliminating Hunger, Poverty, and Disease in Africa

Focus will be on the UN Millennium Project, the results of the Millennium Villages Project, and implications for US policy.



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12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	<p>Lunch & Speakers, located in Crown Center, Exhibit Hall A</p> <p>The Honorable Eva Clayton President, Eva Clayton Associates International</p> <p>Mr. Max Finberg, Director, Alliance to End Hunger <i>Food Aid Advocacy</i></p>
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	<p>General Session, located in Crown Center, Exhibit Hall B</p> <p><i>The Future of Food Aid Panel</i></p> <p>Discussion of topical issues related to US Food Aid Programs, including some of the key issues raised in GAO's <i>Foreign Assistance: US Agencies Face Challenges to Improving the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Food Aid</i>, March 21, 2007</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Mary Chambliss, Consultant to World Food Programme and Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Dr. Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office</p> <p>Ms. Ina Schonberg, Director, Hunger and Malnutrition Unit, Save the Children</p> <p>Ms. Emmy Simmons, Member of the Executive Committee, Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa</p> <p>Mr. Robert H. Sindt, The Sindt Law Office</p> <p>Mr. Aogu Andrew "Andy" Tsukamoto, Senior Director and Legal Counsel, Claims, Corporate Risk & Claim Management Department, Maersk, Inc.</p>
3:30 – 4:00 PM	<p>Break Service, located in Westin Hotel, Roanoke Corridor (near breakout session conference rooms)</p>



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4:00 – 5:30 PM	<p>Breakout Sessions, located in Westin Hotel</p> <p>Transportation: Government and maritime industry discussion of key issues in GAO's <i>Foreign Assistance: US Agencies Face Challenges to Improving the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Food Aid</i>, March 21, 2007</p> <p>Located in the Pershing Place North/West/East Room, Westin Hotel</p> <p>Moderator: Denise Scherl, Chief, Transportation Division, USAID</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mr. Rick Boyle, Vice President, US Flag Liner Services, Maersk Line, Ltd.</p> <p>Mr. Didier Frisch, Chief of Ocean Transport Service, Transport and Procurement Division, UN World Food Programme</p> <p>Dr. Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO</p> <p>Mr. Constantine G. "Charlie" Papavizas, Esq. Partner, Winston & Strawn, and Counsel to Liberty Maritime Corporation</p> <p>Mr. Timothy J. Ring, Director, Government Sales - CMA CGM (America), Inc.</p> <hr/> <p>Nutrition: Integrated Programs</p> <p>How food aid is used by in-country practitioners of integrated programs for those who are HIV/AIDS infected, malnourished and nutritionally compromised</p> <p>Located in the Century B Room, Westin Hotel</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Judy Canahuati, MPhil, IBCLC, MCHN, HIV Advisor, USAID</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Dr. Thoric Nils Cederstrom, Vice President, Division of Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture & Global Health and Nutrition Program, Counterpart International</p> <p>Mr. Thomas Davis, Director, Health Programs, Food for the Hungry</p> <p>Ms. Konjit Eshetu, Title II Resource Manager, USAID Mission / Ethiopia</p> <p>Ms. Michelle A. Jennings, Deputy Chief, Assets and Livelihoods Transitions, USAID / Ethiopia</p>



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Nutrition: Integrated Programs (continued)

Ms. Marie Lichtenberg, Director, International Partnerships, Humana People to People and PlanetAid

Dr. Patrick Webb, Dean for Academic Affairs & Associate Professor, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University

Public / Private Partnering in Food Aid Programs: PVO and Corporate Led Partnerships

Located in the Century A Room, Westin Hotel

Moderator: Mr. Jim Thompson
Acting Director, Global Development Alliance, USAID

Panelists:

Mr. Marv Baldwin, Director, Foods Resource Bank

Ms. Susan Bornstein, Director of Program Development, TechnoServe

Ms. Ulla Holm, Global Director, Tetra Pak Food for Development Office

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7:00 AM - Noon

Registration, located in Crown Center, Exhibit Hall B Corridor (Near Hyatt Hotel - Mezzanine Level)

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM

Continental Breakfast, located in Crown Center, Exhibit Hall A

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM

Exhibits, located in Crown Center, Exhibit Hall A

8:00 AM - 12:15 PM

General Session, located in Crown Center, Exhibit Hall B

8:00 AM

Announcements

8:15 AM

John Powell, Deputy Executive Director, Fundraising and Communications Department, UN World Food Programme

HIV/AIDS, Food and the Poor

Presentation on the urgency of having a more integrated package of interventions that takes nutrition into account and how food aid can be part of this broader approach.



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**Dr. Richard Wilcox, Director, Business Planning,
UN World Food Programme**

Dr. Wilcox will present an update on the WFP's Famine Insurance Project in Ethiopia, a pilot that completed in October 2006. When Dr. Wilcox spoke in 2005, the project was in the planning stages.

9:15 AM

Mr. Ken Hackett, President, Catholic Relief Services

Food Aid: Looking Forward

Presentation on the attitudes, modalities and technology needed for the 21st century.

10:00 AM

Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns

The 2007 Farm Bill: Preserving the Past, Securing the Future

10:45 AM

Break Service, located at Crown Center, Exhibit Hall A

11:15 AM

Partnering with Universities, Corporations & PVOs

Moderator: Mr. Jim Thompson,
Acting Director, Global Development Alliance, USAID

Panelists:

Mr. B. Keith Cole, Assistant Director for Administration
Norman E. Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture
The Texas A&M University System

Mr. James Hershey, Director, World Initiative for Soy in Human Health at
the American Soybean Association (WISHH)

Mr. Ralph Moss, Vice President, Governmental Affairs, Seaboard
Corporation

Mr. Gregg Nelson, Soy Protein Development Lead, Cargill, Inc.



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12:15 PM - 1:45 PM	<p>Lunch & Speakers, located in Crown Center, Exhibit Hall A</p> <p>Dr. Mark Keenum, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agriculture Service, USDA</p> <p><i>Partnering to Enhance Food Aid Quality</i></p>
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	<p>Breakout Sessions, located in Westin Hotel</p> <p>Phytosanitary Issues in the International Movement of Plant Products</p> <p>Discussion will cover the basics of phytosanitary principles and the roles and responsibilities of US plant health officials and exporters, focusing on topics that may assist the food aid community to more successfully export food aid commodities.</p> <p>Located in the Century A Room, Westin Hotel</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Keith Adams, Lead Program Analyst, Food for Peace, USAID</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Ms. Karen Bedigian, Senior Export Specialist, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA</p> <p>Ms. Fan-Li Chou, Ph. D., Acting Trade Director, Africa and the Middle East Phytosanitary Issues Management, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA</p> <hr/> <p>Transportation: Commodity Loss Prevention</p> <p>Government and industry experts will discuss steps that can be taken to keep commodity losses at a minimum and how to best document losses to ensure compliance with existing statutes and regulations. Topics include surveys, role of the PVO in mitigation, responsibility at discharge port, and carrier liability.</p> <p>Located in the Pershing Place North/West/East Room, Westin Hotel</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Mark Jones, Commodity Program Specialist Commodity Operations, Farm Service Agency, USDA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mr. Edouard Baussan, President, AGEMAR, SA</p>



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Transportation: Commodity Loss Prevention (continued)

Ms. Linda Bratt, Administrative Manager, Intertek Agri Services

Mr. Joseph Gerstle, Food Aid Consultant, Association of PVO Financial Managers

Mr. Michael Lagoon, Partner, Fettig & Donalty

Mr. Walter Middleton, Vice President, Food Programming and Management, World Vision International

Ms. Sylvia Moore, Coordinator, Development Operations, USAID

Mr. Jerry Nelson, General Manager, Claims, North America Risk and Claims Management, Maersk, Inc.

Mr. Timothy Powers, Chief, Transportation and Logistics Branch, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA

Nutrition: Nutritional Impact

Discussion on the effectiveness of US food commodities and its aid to countries with food quantity and quality deficiencies.

Located in the Century B Room, Westin Hotel

Moderator: Ms. Judy Canahuati, MPhil, IBCLC, MCHN, HIV Advisor, USAID

Panelists:

Ms. Konjit Eshetu, Title II Resource Manager, USAID Mission / Ethiopia

Ms. Cade Fields-Gardner, MS, RD, LD, CD, Director, The Cutting Edge

Ms. Michelle A. Jennings, Deputy Chief, Assets and Livelihoods Transitions, USAID / Ethiopia

Dr. Mark Manary, Professor of Pediatrics, Washington University School of Medicine

Ms. Elizabeth Turner, Executive Director, SUSTAIN

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Break Service, Westin Hotel, Roanoke Corridor



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4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Breakout Sessions, located in Westin Hotel
	<p>Public / Private Partnering in Food Aid Programs: University Led Partnerships</p> <p>Located in the Century A Room, Westin Hotel</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Jim Thompson, Acting Director, Global Development Alliance, USAID</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Ms. Maria Ester Bucaro, Project Coordinator, Farmer Training & Agribusiness Development, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Norman E. Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture The Texas A&M University System</p> <p>Dr. Rolando Cifuentes, Project Coordinator, Food Processing & Improved Agricultural Techniques, Universidad Del Valle de Guatemala</p> <p>Mr. B. Keith Cole, Assistant Director for Administration Norman E. Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture The Texas A&M University System</p> <p>Ambassador Christopher Goldthwait, Consultant, Cantera Partners</p> <p>Dr. Purwiyatno Hariyadi, SEAFASST Center Director Institut Pertanian Bogor, Indonesia</p> <p>Mr. David Plater, Program Coordinator, Service Support & Awards Department, Rotary International</p>
	<p>Transportation: Freight Grants Reimbursement</p> <p>Located in the Pershing Place North/West/East, Westin Hotel</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Lawrence Williams, USAID</p>
	<p>Foreign Agriculture Service Programming for Fiscal Year 2008</p> <p>Located in the Century B Room, Westin Hotel</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Ron Croushorn, Division Director, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA</p>



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Development Bazaar

The development bazaar is provided as an opportunity for organizations to host discussions about their projects, services and products.

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Time	Room	Presenter	Presentation Title and Description
4:00 p.m.	Westin Hotel, Shawnee	Nadir Sidiq Afghanistan Sustainable Agriculture Education Organization (ASAEO)	Sustainable Agriculture: A Remedy in the Infrastructure of Afghanistan Mr. Sidiq will discuss with attendees the mission of the Afghanistan Sustainable Agriculture Education Organization, and its needs (pest and disease problems of Afghanistan farmers, resources limited agriculture), projects, and budget.
4:00 p.m.	Westin Hotel, Mission	John Trestrail Next Wave Agency, Inc.	Apply (Free) Government Data to your Advantage Commodity suppliers, ocean carriers, ports and transloaders learn how your organization can benefit from the free data available from the government to better understand your markets, increase your revenue, and improve forecasting. Mr. Trestrail will explain how to find and decipher the abundance of information available to your organization – and how to make it work for you.



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Time	Room	Presenter	Presentation Title and Description
2:00 p.m.	Westin Hotel, Shawnee	Hank Bruce Hunger Grow Away	<p>Abundant Harvest Gardens</p> <p>Hunger Grow Away is a non-profit organization created to be a part of the solution to hunger, malnutrition, and dietary diseases by encouraging the use of family gardens for vegetable production. In many of the most difficult communities we provide a micro-intensive, self-contained 4' x 4' growing system that uses about 20% of the water, is handicap adaptable and works well as an organic growing system. These Abundant Harvest Gardens and the cultivation of Moringa are a part of our focus in refugee camps, urban areas, and arid lands. We have projects in several parts of the world and look forward to partnering with other agencies and NGO's. Working together we can solve hunger "One Family at a Time".</p>
2:30 p.m.	Westin Hotel, Mission	Brent Babb U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC)	<p>Soy Entrepreneur Economic Development for Livestock Industries and Food Enterprises</p> <p>USSEC is a non-profit organization focused on providing assistance to developing soy-related businesses around the world in human food and animal feed industries by partnering with local entrepreneurs to increase economic return. USSEC employs over 150 staff worldwide to provide technical assistance and business expertise promoting sustainable economic growth to organizations from a one-person soyfood shop to an integrated poultry or aquaculture operation. USSEC is a sister organization to the World Initiative for Soy in Human Health (WISHH).</p>



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Time	Room	Presenter	Presentation Title and Description
3:30 p.m.	Westin Hotel, Mission	Greg Umaya CARE International in Kenya	<p>Reducing Rural Household Vulnerability through implementation of Food for Work Project in Flood Prone Areas</p> <p>With Title II resources availed by USAID/FFP, CARE International in Kenya is implementing a food security project that began in FY 2004 and will end in FY 2008. The overall objective is to reduce the number of persons displaced by floods in Nyando Basin bordering Lake Victoria. Other objectives include rehabilitating waters ways, infrastructure and small holder irrigation schemes destroyed by floods. CARE uses food for work approach whereby communities who provide labor to rehabilitate the dilapidated infrastructure are compensated with pulses and vegetable oil.</p> <p>Achievements to date are significant reduction of number of persons displaced by floods and increased areas under irrigated hi value commercial crop production that in turn has improved rural households revenues. All the successes could not have been obtained if CARE had not deliberately designed the project to: 1) integrate other livelihood interventions with food for work project 2) promoted production of high value commercial crops to attract communities to rehabilitate collapsed economic units and 3) interacted with other key stakeholders. Despite the positive results, CARE's effort has assisted to rehabilitate a very small proportion of what need to be done if additional resources are provided. Also, programming with imported food often presents local market disincentives which can be overcome by either in-country purchase of commodities for direct distribution or using cash for work approach.</p>



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Step 1. Register to attend the conference.

Registration Fee

All attendees must register in order to attend the conference. Pre-event registration is greatly appreciated. It allows us to maintain an accurate account of attendance for food service and seating capacity.

- The registration fee is US\$200.00 per person if received by March 28, 2007.
- The registration fee is US\$250.00 per person if received between March 29 and April 10, 2007.
- The registration fee is US\$250.00 if made at the conference.
- No refund of registration fees will be made. However, substitutions will be accepted.

Pre-Event Payment Options

- Online Visa and Mastercard. Follow the instructions on the Registration Form Confirmation page that appears after you click “submit.”
- Check or money order drawn on a U.S. bank and payable to IFAC. Include the name of the organization and each attendee with the payment. Mail the payment to:
USDA/FSA/KCCO – Mail Stop 8698
Attn: Ms. Debbie Crow
P.O. Box 419205
Kansas City, MO 64141-6205

At-Event Payment Options

- Cash
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Contacts for Comments and Questions

- E-mail: ifac@kcc.usda.gov
- Debbie Crow, telephone 816-926-6301



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Step 2. Click “submit” at the bottom of the page to finalize your registration.

On-line registration is no longer available

Step 3. Make hotel reservations and obtain hotel confirmation number. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hyatt Crown Center Hotel and Westin Crown Center Hotel. The room rate of US\$96.00 (government per diem rate) is guaranteed through March 28, 2007. Click [here](#) to make hotel reservations.

Room block name: International Food Aid Conference.

If you make hotel reservations by telephone or online, and not the IFAC website link to the hotels, identify that you are attending the International Food Aid Conference so that the discounted hotel rate will be given.

Deadlines

April 6, 2007 deadline extended

- The Hyatt and Westin Hotels have agreed to extend their \$96/night rate until Apr 6th at 5PM ET

March 28, 2007 is the deadline for...

- Securing the discounted hotel rate of US\$96.00/night (government per diem). After this date, the rate is based upon availability.
- Registration for the conference to obtain discounted fee of US\$200.00.

April 10, 2007 is the deadline for...

- Online conference registration.
- After this date, registrations will be done at the conference.



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Event Venue and Hotels

Conference's General Session Location:

Crown Center, 2450 Grand Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri

Their website lists the restaurants and shopping available at Crown Center.

www.crowncenter.com



Hotels:

Rooms have been blocked for the conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Westin Crown Center Hotel. Both hotels are adjacent to Crown Center. If you make your hotel reservations by phone, let them know that you are attending the International Food Aid Conference.



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[Kansas City's Convention and Tourist Association](#)

www.VisitKC.com

This website is a guide to Kansas City's entertainment and shopping districts, arts and culture, family events and attractions, and shopping.

Among the attractions that past IFAC attendees have visited...

...each is within 2 blocks of Crown Center or a short 5 minute drive

Union Station

www.unionstation.org/intro.cfm

The Dead Sea Scrolls - Exhibit Through May 13th

Kansas City is the only Midwest site for the exhibit.
Information about the exhibit is available online.

<http://www.unionstation.org/deadseascrolls/index.cfm>

Union Station is across the street from the Westin Crown Center Hotel. This historic destination hosts the Gottlieb Planetarium, KC Rail Experience, Science City, and a variety of restaurants.





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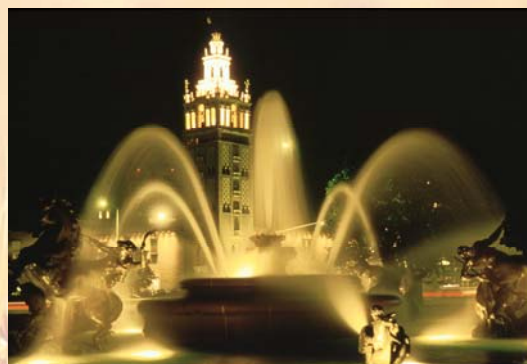
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The Country Club Plaza

www.countryclubplaza.com

Premier shopping and restaurants in an architectural style reminiscent of Seville, Spain



The National World War I Museum and Liberty Memorial

www.libertymemorialmuseum.org

A short walk from Crown Center, this is the only public museum in the United States dedicated solely to the history of WWI.

The Nelson-Atkins Museum

www.nelson-atkins.org/welcome/Mission.cfm

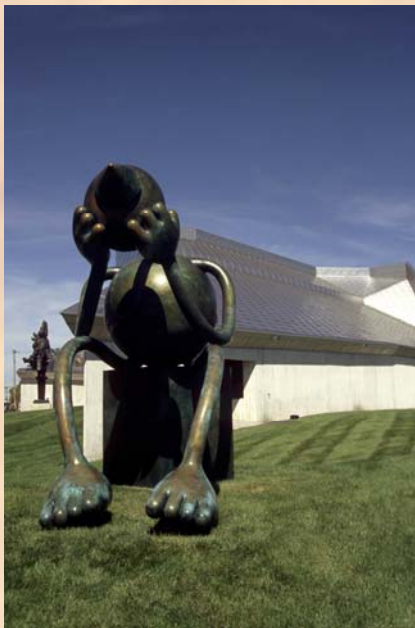
Recognized internationally as one of the finest general art museums in the United States, the Nelson-Atkins currently maintains collections of more than 34,000 works of art.





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The Kemper Museum of Modern Art

www.kemperart.org/home.asp

This acclaimed museum has a permanent collection of more than 700 pieces in a variety of media. Each year the museum hosts about twelve visiting collections. It is located just a block from the Nelson-Atkins Museum and the Kansas City Art Institute.

More than a 5-minute drive but worth the time...

The Truman Presidential Museum and Library

<http://www.trumanlibrary.org/index.php>

This Library will belong to the people of the United States. My papers will be the property of the people and be accessible to them. And this is as it should be. The papers of the Presidents are among the most valuable sources of material for history.

They ought to be preserved, and they ought to be used.

Harry S. Truman, New York City, May 8, 1954





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American Restaurant

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Elegant dining with a view of Crown Center and Kansas City. Kansas City's only four-star restaurant. Features American cuisine. Hours: Lunch Mon-Fri 11:15am-2:00pm; Dinner Mon-Thu 6:00pm-10:00pm; Fri-Sat 6:00pm-11:00pm Prices: Lunch \$20+; Dinner \$40+

Benton's Steak House

816.391.4460

Location: Twentieth Floor of the Westin Crown Center Hotel. A renowned steakhouse offering great steaks and chops with an amazing view of downtown.

Best Sunday brunch in the city.

Hours: Tue-Thu 5:30pm-9:00pm; Fri-Sat 5:30pm-10:30pm; Sun 10:00am-2:00pm
brunch Prices: Dinner \$25-\$45; Brunch \$24-27

Brasserie

816.391.4472

Westin Crown Center Hotel Lobby. A cozy European bistro specializing in soups, salads, and sandwiches. Also featuring a full-service breakfast. Hours: Breakfast 6:30am-11:00am; Lunch 11:30am-2:00pm; Dinner 5:00pm-10:00pm Prices: \$7-\$25

Crayola Café

A celebration of food, color, and fun. Offering moderately priced family dining. Located in the Crown Center Mall 816-426-1165

d'Bronx

New York-style deli and pizza Located in the Crown Center Mall 816-842-2211

Einstein Bros. Bagels

Great coffee, sandwiches, soups, cappuccino & salads.

Located in the Crown Center Mall

816-471-1444



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Fritz's Railroad Restaurant

Featuring signature burgers delivered to tables by electric trains.

Located in the Crown Center Mall

816-474-4004

Golden Harvest Bakery

Hearth-baked bread, specialty desserts, muffins, cookies, coffees, and LaMar's Donuts.

Located in the Crown Center Mall

816-426-1116

Greek Food Ltd.

Gyro with Greek pita, salads, and baklava. Located in the Crown Center Mall 816-472-1527

Hereford House

816.842.1080

Four blocks north on Main Street and 20th Street. A great place for steaks. Hours: Mon-Thu 11:00am-9:00pm; Fri 11:00am-10:30pm; Sat 4:00pm-10:30pm; Sun 4:00pm-9:00pm Prices: \$18-\$35

Jack Stack Barbecue

816.472.7427

In the Freight House two blocks north on Main Street. Quite possibly the best barbecue in the country. Hours: Mon-Thu 11:00am-10:00pm; Fri-Sat 11:00am-10:30pm; Sun 11:00am-9:00pm, Lunch menu 11:00am-3:00pm Prices: \$7-\$28

KC Bar B.Q.

Sandwiches, rib, and rib platters. Located in the Crown Center Mall 816-472-1527

Kabuki

Japanese restaurant and sushi bar. Lunch: Mon-Sat Dinner: Mon-Sun Located in the Crown Center Mall 816-472-1717



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Lidia's Italy

816.221.3722

In the Freight House two blocks north on Main Street; past Union Station. Great Northern Italian.

Hours: Lunch Mon-Thu 11:00am-2:00pm; Dinner Mon-Sat 11:00am-10:30pm; Sun 11:00am-9:00pm, Lunch menu 11:00am-3:00pm Prices: \$7-\$28

LuLu's Thai

816.474.8424

333 Southwest Blvd. A casual satay and noodle bar. Caution some items are HOT! Hours: Lunch Mon-Fri 11:00am-3:00pm; Sat Noon-3:00pm; Dinner Mon-Fri 5:00pm-10:00pm; Sat 3:00pm-10:00pm Prices: \$7-\$20

Manny's Mexican

816.474.7696

Location: Four blocks north on Main Street and 20th Street. One of our city's best Mexican restaurants.

Hours: Mon-Thu 11:00am-10:00pm; Fri-Sat 11:00am-11:00pm Prices: \$5-\$18

Milano

A stunning glass-enclosed restaurant featuring Italian cuisine. Casual dining for lunch and dinner.

Monday-Sunday

Located in the Crown Center Mall

816-426-1130

Morton's of Chicago

816.474.0555

Just across the street from the Crown Center shops on Grand Avenue. One of the premier steakhouses in the country. A comfortable restaurant with a classic atmosphere. Known for great food and wonderful service. Hours: Mon-Sat 4:45pm-11:00pm; Sun 4:45pm-9:00pm Prices: Dinner \$40+

The Nutty Girl

Soups, sandwiches, juices, and smoothies freshly prepared. Located in the Crown Center Mall 816-842-4006



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The Orient Express

Chinese cuisine, appetizers, entrees, and daily specials

Located in the Crown Center Mall

816-842-4105

The Patio

Delightful soups, salads, and sandwiches.

Fantastic desserts.

For lunch only

Located in Halls on the 2nd Level

816-274-3782

Potatoes and More

Baked potatoes and variety of toppings.

Located in the Crown Center Mall

816-472-1527

A Street Car Names Desire

Charbroiled hamburgers and sandwiches.

Mon-Sun

Located in the Crown Center Mall 816-472-5959

Taste of Philly

Have a Philly sandwich your way, with beef, chicken, or vegetarian.

Located in the Crown Center Mall

816-472-1527

Z-Teca

Healthy gourmet burritos and tacos, salads, and extended drink menu.

Located in the Crown Center Mall

816-474-7779



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Planet Aid
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State of Alaska Canned Salmon
Survivor Industries
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Larry J. Adams

Acting Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations
Farm Service Agency
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Larry J. Adams is the Acting Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations (DACO) for the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). As the acting Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations, Mr. Adams is responsible for the export and domestic commodity donation programs, developing policies and regulations for the dairy price support program; and the storage, handling and disposition of Commodity Credit Corporation-owned commodities. Under Mr. Adams' leadership, DACO produces a uniform regulatory system for the storage of agricultural products and ensures the timely provision of food products procured for domestic and international food assistance programs and market development programs.



Prior to this position, Mr. Adams served as FSA's Assistant Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs. In that capacity, he advised the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs and the FSA Administrator on farm programs and policies. He worked with various agency staff on commodity price support activities, conservation and environmental programs, and emergency assistance efforts, such as the Noninsured Crop Disaster Program and county disaster declarations. Additionally, Mr. Adams provided focus and direction for programs and guidance to the farm program management team and county employees.

Before being named to the Farm Program position, Adams was the Ohio State Executive Director (SED) for FSA. As SED, he oversaw FSA programs in both the State office and county offices throughout Ohio, and promoted agency programs to producers and various agricultural groups. Before joining the USDA, Mr. Adams served ten years as Assistant Director for the Ohio Department of Agriculture. While Assistant Director, he developed statewide agricultural and land-use policies, including farmland preservation, farm assistance programs and regulatory enforcement programs.

Elected to the Ohio House of Representatives for the 86th House District in 1986, Mr. Adams served two terms. While in the Ohio House, he served from 1986 to 1990 on various committees such as the Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Economic Affairs and Federal Relations, the Public Utilities and the Economic and Development committees. He also served two terms as Marion County Commissioner from 1979 to 1986 and from 1975 to 1978 as Marion Township Clerk. He also worked 18 years for the Whirlpool Corporation, Marion Division, in Ohio.



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A fourth-generation farmer, Mr. Adams grew up near LaRue, Ohio, where he still maintains his small farm. He studied at Ohio State University and Marion Technical College. He is a second generation pilot and has been flying aircraft for more than 35-years. Mr. Adams is married and has two children and three grandchildren.

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Marv Baldwin

President and CEO
Foods Resource Bank

Marv Baldwin is honored to be the President and CEO of Foods Resource Bank (FRB). FRB's commitment to supporting the work of poor farmers to grow their own food is the main factor that led Mr. Baldwin to his decision to leave the corporate world in 2005 to lead FRB.

FRB exemplifies his view about the need we all have to solve our own problems and implement our own solutions. Both of FRB's overseas programs and U.S. community growing projects manifest that "ownership." Volunteer led community growing projects raise money and awareness in the U.S. The money is used to support subsistence farmers in the developing world who need a start. The awareness that is created leads to a grassroots realization that we can actually do something to make a lasting difference.



Mr. Baldwin believes that "We must learn to give without creating dependency and without desiring recognition if we ever hope to significantly reduce the amount of hunger in our world." FRB's model encourages local leadership, visioning, implementation and effort which "opens the door" for sustainable change.

Although oceans and borders divide us, we have found a way to respectfully support one another.

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Susan Bornstein

Director of Program Development
TechnoServe

Susan Bornstein is the Director of Program Development at TechnoServe. She helps develop economic growth and enterprise development programs in Africa and Latin America, focused on agribusiness, alternative energy, entrepreneurship, and tourism. From 1997-2005, she served as Deputy Director for Africa and Interim Director for Kenya. Before joining TechnoServe, Ms. Bornstein supported the Africa technical assistance program at Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (VOCA).



Ms. Bornstein was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Senegal. She has a Bachelors Degree from Michigan State University in International Relations with an emphasis in African Studies/economics and a Masters Degree in International Trade from George Mason University.

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Rick Boyle

Vice President
U.S. Flag Liner Services
Maersk Line, Limited

Rick Boyle is Vice President of U.S. Flag Liner Services at Maersk Line, Limited, assuming this position in 2005 after being Director of U.S. Flag Liner Services.

Mr. Boyle joined Maersk Inc. in 1990 when he was hired as Account Executive in New York Sales. In 1993, he moved to the Line Department and held various management positions in Transpacific and Latin Americas Services, including pricing, corporate sales, traffic and administration, and trade management.



In 1998, Mr. Boyle was appointed General Manager, Dominican Republic. In 2001, he was promoted to General Manager, Peru, where he served until the Maersk Line, Limited appointment.

Mr. Boyle is a member of various industry associations, including the National Defense Transportation Association and the National Defense Industrial Association. He also serves as a Director of the Propeller Club of the United States. Previously, he served as Director of the Dominican Republic Maritime Association and as Vice President of the Maritime Association of Peru.

Mr. Boyle received a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and Organizational Behavior from Rider College, Trenton, New Jersey.

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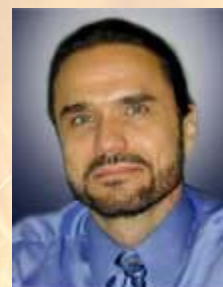
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Thoric Nils Cederstrom

Vice President

Division of Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture & Global Health and Nutrition Program
Counterpart International

Dr. Thoric Cederstrom is an expert in sustainable agriculture and food security, and has broad experience in participatory food security assessments, program design, and monitoring and evaluation, including anthropometric surveys. As a child, Dr. Cederstrom grew up on a family dairy farm outside Kansas City, Missouri and from this agricultural upbringing has gone on to work extensively in Mexico, Central and South America, Africa, and Central and South Asia. He is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese and conversant in Hebrew and Russian.



Dr. Cederstrom is Vice President of Counterpart International's Division of Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture as well as its Global Health and Nutrition Program. He travels the globe conducting needs assessments, meeting with international donors, designing new programs, and providing technical support to Counterpart's numerous projects. He has published extensively on an array of food security topics related to strengthening the linkages between agriculture and nutrition in areas of high HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Cederstrom is a 1993 graduate of the anthropology program at the University of Arizona in Tucson. His dissertation research was titled "The Potential Impacts of Migrant Remittances on Agriculture Development in the Mixteca Baja Region of Mexico."

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Mary Chambliss

Consultant
World Food Program
and

Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa

Ms. Chambliss is currently a consultant on food aid program and legislative issues. Her clients include the World Food Program and the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa.

Ms. Chambliss retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in January 2006, where she served in various positions, primarily working with USDA international food aid programs. At her retirement she was the Deputy Administrator for Export Credits in the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), responsible for both food aid programs and the commercial export credit guarantee programs. She served in that capacity from 1995 until her retirement. Also during that period, she served as Acting Administrator of FAS and often as Acting General Sales Manager of FAS.

Ms. Chambliss began her career in the U.S. government with the Economic Research Service in 1965 where she was the country specialist for many African countries. She moved to the then Export Marketing Service (later merged into FAS) in 1970 and began working on Title I food aid programs for Asian countries. She served in various capacities dealing with food aid programs including serving as the coordinator for Title II programs working closely with USAID staff in the 1970s.

In 1979, Ms. Chambliss joined the staff of the International Development Cooperation Agency as the Deputy Budget Director, returning to FAS in 1981 to assume the position of Assistant to the General Sales Manager, primarily focusing on the 1981 Farm Bill. She served in various positions in FAS as well as serving as Acting Associate Administrator of USDA's Office of International Cooperation and Development (now merged into FAS).

Ms. Chambliss is a native of Buchanan, Virginia and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Roanoke College and a Master's degree in Government from George Washington University.

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Eva Clayton

Eva Clayton Associates International, Inc.

Eva Clayton has re-established her consultant firm, Eva Clayton Associates International, Inc., after completing a three year-assignment with the Food Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Rome, Italy as Assistant Director-General and Special Adviser to the Director-General. She was responsible for encouraging the establishment of Alliances and Partnerships in different countries of the world to fight hunger and poverty. More than 40 countries have Alliances in various stages of development.



Congresswoman Clayton made history in November 1992 when she became the first woman and the first African-American woman to be elected to Congress from the State of North Carolina.

She served with distinction for ten years as the U.S. Representative of North Carolina's 1st Congressional District. While in Congress, she served on Agriculture and Budget Committees and as ranking member of the Agriculture Department's Operations Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry Subcommittees. She was a conferee on the 2002 Farm Bill and is credited for leadership on maintaining high support for nutritional programs, civil rights, and support for minority farmers in the final version of the Farm Bill.

Congresswoman Clayton was co-chair of the Rural Caucus (bi-partisan), Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and president of her freshmen class.

Before going to Congress, she was a member of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, serving as Chairperson from 1982 to 1990. During her tenure, she was named "Outstanding North Carolina County Commissioner" by her fellow North Carolina Commissioners. Her career experience included, business woman, state and university administrator, and teacher

Congresswoman Clayton remains an active member of Cotton Memorial Presbyterian Church, Henderson, NC. She was chosen by the Presbyterian Church of USA as a "Woman of Faith in Public Service" at its 2003 General Assembly.

Congresswoman Clayton received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte and a Master of Science Degree from North Carolina Central University in Durham, and also attended law school. She is the recipient of eight honorary doctorate degrees from various American universities for her leadership and service. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Congresswoman Clayton, a native of Savannah, Georgia, is the mother of four adult children, Joanne, Theaoseus, Jr., Martin and Reuben. She is married to attorney Theaoseus T. Clayton, Sr. and they are proud grandparents of six grandchildren.



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B. Keith Cole

Assistant Director for Administration
Norman E. Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture
The Texas A&M University System

Mr. Cole has over ten years experience working in various sectors of the international development arena (education programs, refugee services, and agriculture), both in the U.S. and more than 30 countries. He currently serves as the Assistant Director for Administration in the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES), a member of the Texas A&M University System, where he provides administrative oversight, project coordination, logistical support, financial management, project tracking and reporting, and cost proposal development for international contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements managed by the Borlaug Institute. In recent years this has included projects in Afghanistan, Armenia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iraq, Rwanda, Tunisia, and Uzbekistan, among others. Principle donors include the U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Department of Defense.

In addition, he served for four years as a board advisor to the finance and fundraising committee of the Rocky Mountain Survivor Center (RMSC), an organization that provides mental health services to refugees and asylees who survived torture in their home countries. His graduate research included fieldwork in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and focused on improved management and operations of international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) operating in post-conflict societies.

From the University of Denver, Mr. Cole has a MS in Management with an emphasis in International Organizations, and a MA in International and Intercultural Communication with an emphasis in International Development. He received a BA in English from Texas A&M University.

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Tom Davis

Director of Health Programs
Food for the Hungry

Tom Davis, MPH, is Director of Health Programs for Food for the Hungry. He has over twenty years of international field experience in planning, coordinating, implementing, and evaluating food security, child survival, and primary health care security projects in twenty-two countries. Food for the Hungry is a faith-based partnership that exists to meet physical and spiritual hungers of the poor through speaking out to all people about hunger and by facilitating emergency relief and sustainable development in 30 countries with almost 2,000 staff in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe.



Mr. Davis is also Chairman of the Board of the CORE Group, a coalition of 47 nongovernmental member organizations that work in more than 180 countries with a combined annual revenue of approximately \$9 billion.

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Jordan Dey

Director
US Relations Office
World Food Program

Jordan Dey is the Director of the US Relations Office for the UN World Food Program (WFP). WFP is the world's largest humanitarian agency: each year feeding an average of 90 million poor people, including 56 million hungry children, in 80 of the world's poorest countries.

During his tenure with WFP, Mr. Dey has served in Colombia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Panama, Sri Lanka, Washington, New York, and in WFP's Rome headquarters. Mr. Dey is a frequent media commentator, having appeared as a guest on CNN, BBC, C-Span, Fox News, National Public Radio and in the pages of *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Financial Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *USA Today*, and other publications.

Prior to joining WFP in 2001, Mr. Dey worked in the State Department as an advisor to Richard Holbrooke, the US Ambassador to the United Nations. Mr. Dey has also worked with NGOs and international organizations in Romania, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Albania.

Mr. Dey is a national of the United States. He holds a bachelors degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a Master's Degree from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

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Konjit Eshetu

Title II Resource Manager
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)/Ethiopia

Konjit Eshetu is an economist and has worked at USAID/Ethiopia for over five years as the Title II Resource Manager. She played a key position in developing USAID's role in the transformational program that shifted emergency food aid into a more predictable multiple-year safety net program.

Before joining USAID, she had ten years of experience in private industry, working in both sales and marketing as a manager in leather processing and in mining.

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David Evans

Vice President of Government Resources and Programs
Food for the Hungry
Washington DC Office

Mr. Evans is Vice President of Government Resources and Programs, and Director of Food for the Hungry's Washington D.C. Office. In this position, he oversees Food for the Hungry's portfolio of USAID, USDA, and US State Department-funded programs in ten countries in the areas of food and agriculture, health and nutrition, HIV/AIDS, water and sanitation, education, and emergency relief.



Mr. Evans has over 23 years of relief and development program implementation, training and management experience in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. During that period, he lived and worked for ten years in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, and Bolivia. His educational background includes an M.S. in Agricultural Economics from Pennsylvania State University and a B.A. in International Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is fluent in French and Spanish, as well as his native English.

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Cade Fields-Gardner

Director
The Cutting Edge

Cade Fields-Gardner, MS, RD, LD, CD, is an HIV-specialist dietitian providing training, education, research, and program development services for public agencies, professional organizations, health facilities, and industry. She has authored professional research and review articles, including the 1994, 2000, and 2004 Position Papers for nutritional management in HIV/AIDS for the American Dietetic Association and Dietitians of Canada; patient-oriented pamphlets, handouts, and articles; a Clinician's Guidebook on Nutritional Management in HIV/AIDS, two books on HIV Medication Interactions, and is working on a clinician's guide to HIV care and a cookbook for patients in the era of HAART. Ms. Fields-Gardner has developed nutritional management guidelines for pediatric and adult HIV-infected patients in the United States, and developing, implementing, and monitoring nutritional projects in selected Southern/Eastern African, Asian, Central American, and Caribbean countries with an emphasis on targeting HIV-infected and affected populations. She has a special interest in public policy on HIV infection and disease and has presented her work on nutrition-related issues in HIV disease locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

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Max Finberg

Director, Alliance to End Hunger

Max Finberg has dedicated his career to serving people in need, especially the hungry. He has a wide range of experience in the non-profit, diplomatic and political arenas.

He is currently the director of the Alliance to End Hunger (www.alliancetoendhunger.org), a non-profit organization that engages diverse institutions in building the public will to end hunger, both in the United States and worldwide. The Alliance brings together U.S. businesses, religious bodies, charities, foundations and individual donors to change the politics of hunger. The Alliance helps its members and others contribute to the needed commitment to end hunger by sharing information and sparking new collaborations.



Prior to becoming the Alliance's first director, he served Ambassador and former Representative Tony Hall (D-OH) for 12 years in a variety of capacities. Most recently, Mr. Finberg was special assistant to the ambassador at the U.S. Mission to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome, Italy (<http://usunrome.usembassy.it/>), where he lived for almost three years. The U.S. Mission relates to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Program (WFP) and the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD).

Mr. Finberg was also senior legislative assistant covering domestic hunger and poverty issues for Representative Hall. He worked on the successful passage of The Hunger Relief Act and the Community Solutions Act with a variety of anti-poverty and faith-based organizations.

Mr. Finberg was the founding director of the Mickey Leland Hunger Fellows Program at the Congressional Hunger Center (www.hungercenter.org). He helped to start this unique fellowship program that fights hunger by developing leaders through a combination of direct service and public policy experience. The Program is now in its 13th year.

In 1990, he was selected as a Harry Truman Scholar from New York for his commitment to public service. He is an Eagle Scout, is involved with the Third Street Church of God and has been active with various initiatives around racial and religious reconciliation. He has traveled to almost 50 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

Mr. Finberg graduated with honors from Howard University's School of Divinity with a master's degree in Social Ethics and with bachelor's degrees in Political Science, German and International Relations from Tufts University, where he met his wife Katherine. Their daughter, Eliana Grace, was born in Rome in March 2005. Max was born and raised in Upstate New York.

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Christopher Goldthwait

Independent Consultant to Cantera Partners

Christopher Goldthwait is an independent consultant to Cantera Partners assisting the company in the identification of new opportunities in monetization programs.

Prior to establishing his consulting business, he completed a 30 year plus career in the Foreign Service. From 1999 to 2004 he served as US Ambassador to Chad. From 1991-99, Goldthwait served as General Sales Manager in the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture. In that capacity he was responsible for all of USDA's market development, export credit, export subsidy and food aid programs.

In addition to his extensive experience with the USDA and other US Government programs, Goldthwait possesses extensive experience working with the Congress, finely honed negotiating skills, and strong abilities for planning and management. He did his undergraduate work at American University, and completed a Masters in Public Administration at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School. He is fluent in French and German.

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Avram “Buzz” Guroff

Senior Vice President
Food Security and Specialty Crops
ACDI/VOCA

Avram E. “Buzz” Guroff oversees ACDI/VOCA’s Food Security and Specialty Crops projects globally and coordinates new business efforts for the portfolio. Prior to joining ACDI/VOCA in 1998, Mr. Guroff held leadership positions in the U.S. Government, including serving as assistant administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Office of International Cooperation and Development and Foreign Agricultural Service. He worked extensively with the public and private sector to foster collaboration and promote joint ventures and trade. While at the USDA, he served as National Food Security Coordinator and as secretary for the 1996 World Food Summit.



Mr. Guroff’s overseas posts have included service at the American Embassy in Rome, Italy, and the U.S. Agency for International Development in Vietnam.

Mr. Guroff did his undergraduate work at Northwestern University, has an M.S. from Georgetown University, and a M.B.A. from Stanford University.

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Ken Hackett

President, Catholic Relief Services

Ken Hackett is President of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community. He oversees operations in 99 countries, with a global staff of approximately 5,000.

A native of West Roxbury, Mass., Mr. Hackett graduated from Boston College in 1968. He joined the Peace Corps and was assigned to serve in Ghana. Mr. Hackett joined CRS in 1972, starting his career in Sierra Leone. He has served CRS in posts throughout Africa and in the Philippines, as well as in a variety of positions at CRS headquarters. In July 1993, Mr. Hackett was named Executive Director of CRS. He was appointed President in 2003.



Mr. Hackett has received honorary doctorate degrees from Boston College, Siena College in Albany, N.Y., and New York Medical College in Valhalla, N.Y. He also received the Distinguished Service Award from the Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C. He was recognized with the 2005 Alumni Achievement Award for Religion from his alma mater, Boston College.

In October 2004, Mr. Hackett was named a Knight Commander of the Papal Order of Saint Gregory the Great, one of the highest Papal honors, for his service to the Church and the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

He has served as North America President of Caritas Internationalis, the official humanitarian agency of the global Catholic Church. He is currently a member of the boards of the Pontifical Commission Cor Unum, the Vatican body that coordinates the Church's charitable work; Migration & Refugee Services – U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; International Policy Committee – U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; and the Africa Society. He is also a member of Legatus, a membership organization of Catholic business leaders.

In 2004, the U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed Mr. Hackett's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a federal effort to increase aid to countries that demonstrate a commitment to ruling justly, investing in people and encouraging economic freedom.

Mr. Hackett lives in Columbia, Md. with his wife and two children.

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William Hammink

Director
Food for Peace
U.S. Agency for International Development

Mr. William Hammink was appointed the Director of the Office of Food for Peace by the USAID Administrator and assumed his responsibilities in July 2006.

Prior to joining Food for Peace, Mr. Hammink was the USAID Mission Director in Ethiopia beginning in August 2003, managing one of the largest USAID programs in sub-Saharan Africa, with more than \$600 million in resources in FY2006. Ethiopia is also the second largest single recipient of USAID Title II food aid worldwide over the past three years, and started an innovative multi-donor Productive Safety Net Program in 2005.

As a career U.S. Senior Foreign Service Officer with more than 25 years at USAID working on international development and humanitarian programs, Mr. Hammink has served in six posts on three continents. Mr. Hammink joined USAID in 1981 as a program officer in USAID/Swaziland. Other posts include Senegal, Madagascar, Russia, West Bank/Gaza, and Ethiopia. He served as Deputy Mission Director for four years at the USAID Mission for West Bank/Gaza, and served as head of the Democracy and Governance Office in USAID/Russia.

Mr. Hammink earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and a Master's degree from the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota. He is married to Marie-Eve Hammink. They have two children attending university.

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Purwiyatno Hariyadi

Director

Southeast Asian Food & Agricultural Science & Technology (SEAFAST) Center
Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia

Purwiyatno Hariyadi is currently Director of the Southeast Asian Food & Agricultural Science & Technology (SEAFAST) Center at Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia. The SEAFAST Center is a joint center between Texas A&M University and Bogor Agricultural University.

Prior to his current position, Dr. Hariyadi was a Head of the Department of Food Technology and Human Nutrition, Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Bogor Agricultural University, Bogor. During 1996-2000, he was Vice Dean for Students Affairs, Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Bogor Agricultural University, Bogor.

Dr. Hariyadi his B.S. degree in Food Science and Technology (Cum Laude; 1984) from Bogor Agricultural University, Bogor, Indonesia, M.S. in Food Science (1990) and Ph.D. degree in Food Science and Chemical Engineering (1995) from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA.

He is an active member of several professional organizations, including the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT, USA), Institute for Thermal Process Specialists (IFTPS, USA), and Indonesian Food Technologists Association (PATPI, Indonesia). Currently, Dr. Hariyadi is chairman of the Indonesian Food Technologist Association.

His research includes preservation of food and biological matters, reaction kinetics in food systems, and food processing and engineering, with special emphasis on thermal processing and improvement of traditional foods. His current work involves development of a standard method of processing for the canning industry, utilization of tofu whey (by-product of tofu processing) and soaking water of tempeh processing (by-product of tempeh processing) for the production of food and feed ingredients, enzymatic modification of palm oil, and several food product developments.

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Jim Hershey

Director
World Initiative for Soy in Human Health
“WISHH”

Jim Hershey is the Director of the World Initiative for Soy in Human Health at the American Soybean Association (ASA). This innovative program devotes funds and staff resources to the expansion of soy protein in human diets in the developing world.



A St. Louis native, Mr. Hershey received his BA at Northwestern University. After two years in the Ivory Coast with the Peace Corps, he worked in sales and marketing before going to the American Graduate School of International Management in Arizona. After he earned his Masters in International Management from Thunderbird, Mr. Hershey was hired by the USA Rice Council to head their African Regional office. He joined the ASA in 1992 after seven years with the Rice Council in Africa and Houston. Mr. Hershey started with the ASA as Division Director for Central Europe, CIS, the Middle East, and Africa. In 1995, supervision of the Western European program (Brussels and Hamburg) was added to his responsibilities. He took on the assignment to build and manage the WISHH Program in November 2000.

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Michael Edward Hess

Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Democracy
Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
US Agency for International Development

Michael Edward Hess was sworn in on June 27, 2005, as Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Hess was appointed by President George W. Bush to this Senate-confirmed position.



Prior to his appointment to USAID, he worked as a Senior Risk Reviewer and Vice President at Citibank, responsible for monitoring and evaluating 15 areas of risk for corporate finance units at Citigroup Inc. in New York.

Hess has over 30 years of active and reserve service in the United States Military. He received his commission from the United States Military Academy in 1971, and has served in humanitarian operations in Turkey, Iraq, Bosnia and Kosovo. Hess served in both command and staff assignments in the U.S. and Germany and taught European History at the United States Military Academy.

In April 2003, Colonel (Ret.) Hess was recalled to active duty to serve as the humanitarian coordinator in the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He later served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Coalition Provisional Authority, assisting in the establishment of the 2,000-person multinational organization responsible for establishing a representative government for Iraq as well as for rebuilding Iraqi infrastructure.

Hess has a bachelor's degree in engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, a master's degree in European history from Columbia University in New York, a master's in business administration and international finance from New York University in New York, and is a graduate of the National Strategic Studies Program at the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Hess is married to Teresa Crawford and has three sons, Ken, James and Henry, and one daughter, Corinne.

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Michelle A. Jennings

Deputy Chief
Assets and Livelihoods Transitions
USAID / Ethiopia

Michelle Jennings is Deputy Chief in the Assets and Livelihoods Transitions office within USAID/Ethiopia. She has been a Food for Peace Officer for the last two and one-half years. Ms. Jennings is one of two Food for Peace Officers, and eleven local staff responsible for the management of US\$150 million in Title II food aid in resources in support of the productive safety net and relief programs in Ethiopia.

Ms. Jennings earned a B.A. at California State University Dominguez Hills, CA in 1992 in Education/Athletic Training and a M.S. from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in 1998, specializing in Emergency Health Services.

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Mike Johanns

Secretary of Agriculture Department

Mike Johanns was sworn in as the 28th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on January 21, 2005.

Secretary Johanns' strong agricultural roots stretch back to his childhood. He was born in Iowa and grew up doing chores on his family's dairy farm. As the son of a dairy farmer, he developed a deep respect for the land and the people who work it. He still describes himself as "a farmer's son with an intense passion for agriculture."

That passion has been evident during Johanns' tenure as Secretary of Agriculture. Days after he took office, he began working with U.S. trading partners to reopen their markets to U.S. beef. Nearly 119 countries had closed their markets after a single finding of a BSE-infected cow in the U.S. in 2003. Within his first year, Johanns convinced nearly half that number to reopen markets.

Prior to coming to USDA, Johanns was Nebraska's 38th governor. During his six years in office, Johanns was a strong advocate for rural communities and farmers and ranchers. That's why, with a new farm bill on the horizon, Johanns went to the country in 2005 to hear first-hand from producers about what was working with current farm policy and what was not. Johanns hosted 21 of 52 farm bill forums held in 48 states.

To improve access to markets he has traveled the world, participating in World Trade Organization negotiations and promoting the successful passage of the Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement.

To fight obesity he launched the interactive, bi-lingual MyPyramid.com, a motivational and interactive food guidance system. A companion site for children is also available.

To aid producers he has led the effort to provide timely assistance after the devastating hurricane season of 2005. He has promoted the use and promise of renewable fuels and he has supported conservation by expanding USDA's conservation commitment. He has also worked to educate and prepare the country for the potential onset of avian flu.

Secretary Johanns is a graduate of St. Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona. He earned a law degree from Creighton University in Omaha and practiced law in O'Neill and Lincoln, Nebraska. Johanns served on the Lancaster County Board from 1983-1987, and on the Lincoln City Council 1989-1991. He was elected mayor of Lincoln in 1991. He was reelected in 1995, and successfully ran for governor three years later.

Secretary Johanns is married to Stephanie Johanns, a former Lancaster County Commissioner and State Senator. The couple has two children and three grandchildren.



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Mark E. Keenum

Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service
Agriculture Department

Dr. Mark Everett Keenum was sworn in as Under Secretary on December 20, 2006. Dr. Keenum provides leadership and oversight for the Farm Service Agency, the Risk Management Agency and the Foreign Agricultural Service.



The mission area helps to ensure the well-being of American agriculture and the American public through efficient and equitable administration of agricultural commodity, farm loan, conservation, environmental, emergency assistance, and domestic and international food assistance programs. It provides and supports cost-effective means of managing risk for agricultural producers in order to improve the economic stability of agriculture. The mission area also represents the diverse interests of the U.S. food and agricultural sector abroad by managing the Department's international activities, addressing market access constraints, and working to expand markets for U.S. agricultural, fish and forest products overseas.

In 1989, Dr. Keenum joined the Washington, D.C. staff of U.S. Senator Thad Cochran as Legislative Assistant for Agriculture and Natural Resources. As Senator Cochran's advisor on agricultural affairs, he worked on numerous issues important to Mississippi agriculture, including the 1990, 1996, and 2002 Farm Bills. From 1996 through 2006, he served as Chief of Staff for Senator Cochran. In this role, Dr. Keenum was the chief advisor to the Senator on political, legislative, and appropriations issues. He was also responsible for managing the administrative and legislative functions of Senator Cochran's Washington, D.C. office and three Mississippi state offices.

After completing his Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics at Mississippi State University (MSU) in 1984, Dr. Keenum joined the MSU faculty as a Marketing Specialist with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service at MSU. After two years with the Extension Service, he accepted a position as a Research Associate with the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station at MSU.

In 1988, Dr. Keenum received his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from MSU and joined the faculty of the MSU Department of Agricultural Economics as an Assistant Professor/Economist. During his professional tenure at MSU, his primary research and extension work focused on the marketing and economics of aquaculture, specialty crops and forestry. From 1997 through 2006, Dr. Keenum also served as an Agricultural Economics Adjunct Professor at MSU and taught an annual seminar course on agricultural legislative policy.

Mark and his wife Rhonda reside in Fairfax County, Virginia, and have four children.

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Marie Lichtenberg

Director of International Partnerships
PlanetAid / Humana People to People

Ms. Lichtenberg has been working as the Director of International Partnerships of Planet Aid / Humana People to People for the past seven years. Humana People to People is a global Federation that consists of 29 member associations operating 220 social projects, benefiting more than 5 million people annually.



As the Head of International Partnerships, Ms. Lichtenberg's work includes negotiating long-term agreements with international agencies, companies and governments by entering into partnerships to create economic growth, fight HIV/AIDS, train teachers and form farmers clubs, through which people are equipped and organized to improve their own living conditions. Apart from heading the international partnership work of The Federation, Ms. Lichtenberg today serves as the Chairperson of Humana People to People in South Africa. Before her work with Planet Aid, Ms. Lichtenberg spent a number of years with "One World Channel," which broadcasted programs from the developing world via satellite television to millions of viewers in Europe and Northern Africa.

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Mark Manary

Pediatrician and Professor of Pediatrics
Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis

Dr. Manary has a varied background, starting out as a research engineer and then spending time as a medical officer in Tanzania. He is a pediatrician and Professor of Pediatrics at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, Senior Lecturer in Pediatrics at the Medical College of Malawi in Blantyre, Malawi, and Adjunct Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Manary has been a faculty member of the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine since 2002 and has been researching malnutrition for several years. During the last five years he has headed an innovative research program using a ready-to-use therapeutic food in the treatment of malnutrition in Malawi.

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Thomas Melito

Director, International Affairs and Trade
U.S. Government Accountability Office

Dr. Thomas Melito is a director in the International Affairs and Trade Team at GAO. In this capacity, he is primarily responsible for GAO work involving multilateral organizations and international finance. Over the last ten years, Dr. Melito has been focusing on a wide range of development issues, including debt relief for poor countries, global health, and human trafficking. Most recently, he testified before the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry about GAO's forthcoming report on challenges that U.S. agencies face in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of food aid. Dr. Melito has also recently reported on weaknesses in UN procurement processes, strengthening UN oversight, and the slow progress of management reform at the United Nations.



Dr. Melito holds an MA and PhD in economics from Columbia University and a BS in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University.

Tom and his wife, Nancy, reside in Fairfax County, Virginia and have two children.

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W. Kirk Miller

General Sales Manager, Foreign Agricultural Service
U. S. Department of Agriculture

W. Kirk Miller became the General Sales Manager of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service in 2002. As General Sales Manager, Mr. Miller oversees FAS' export promotion, marketing and trade analysis, export credit programs, and USDA food aid activities.

Before coming to FAS, Mr. Miller coordinated market development and regulatory affairs programs of the North American Export Grain Association (NAEGA) from 1992 to 2002. In this capacity, he was staff liaison to the association's technical committees and to USDA and foreign governments on sanitary and phytosanitary trade and regulatory issues.



Mr. Miller served as the Administrator of USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service for more than three years during the administration of President Ronald Reagan. He has also operated his own agricultural consulting business, was president of the American Malting Barley Association and the Barley and Malt Institute, and was Assistant Director of National Affairs for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Raised on a farm in Ohio, Mr. Miller earned his B.S. Degree in Agricultural Economics from Ohio State University and his M.A. in International Transactions from George Mason University.

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Michele Moloney-Kitts

Chief, Program Services Division
Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator
The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
(PEPFAR)

Ms. Moloney-Kitts is a Foreign Service Officer and a nurse midwife who has worked extensively domestically and, for the past fifteen years, internationally in the area of women's and children's health and HIV/AIDS.

Domestically Ms. Moloney-Kitts launched one of the first HIV programs for pregnant women in the city of Philadelphia. Internationally she has directed programs in HIV/AIDS and maternal child health that have provided assistance to over 80 countries. She has served as a Foreign Service officer in Morocco, Cambodia, and South Africa. In Cambodia she led the development of the first HIV/AIDS programs with NGOs and the government in Cambodia. She has recently returned from South Africa where she served as the senior technical advisor for HIV/AIDS for USAID's Southern Africa regional program, working to strengthen HIV programs across ten countries in the most affected part of the world.

She now works in Washington with Ambassador Mark Dybul in the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator where she serves as Chief of the Program Services Division. In this capacity she is responsible for oversight of implementation of the President's Emergency Plan for HIV/AIDS in the fifteen focus countries and other bilateral programs, and coordinating technical assistance for international HIV/AIDS across the implementing agencies of the U.S. Government.

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Gregg R. Nelson

Soy Protein Development Lead
Cargill, Incorporated

Gregg Nelson joined Cargill in 1973. He serves as Soy Protein Development Lead for Cargill's CTS Business Unit (Cargill Texturizing Solutions). In this role, Mr. Nelson is responsible for new business development and government/partner contacts for the company's line of core soy protein ingredients.

In his 33 years with Cargill, Gregg has held sales, marketing, and product line responsibilities for the company's line of soy protein ingredients, and most recently has been engaged in public-private partnerships with various government and non-government entities for the improved health and nutrition of communities around the world.



Gregg holds a bachelor's degree in International Relations from the University of Minnesota.

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Gwen Ellen O'Donnell

D.C. Office Director and Food Security Technical Officer
Project Concern International

Gwen Ellen O'Donnell has been with Project Concern International (PCI) since 2004, serving as the Washington D.C. Office Director and Technical Officer for Food Security/Humanitarian Assistance. Focusing on food and nutrition security, Ms. O'Donnell has ten years of experience working in development. Other areas of expertise include child survival and integrated HIV/AIDS and food and nutrition security. Prior to working with PCI, she worked with the International Eye Foundation and the Inter-American Development Bank.



Ms. O'Donnell has a Masters degree in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and a Masters degree in International Economics/Latin American Studies from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

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Constantine G. "Charlie" Papavizas

Partner, Winston & Strawn LLP
Counsel, Liberty Maritime Corporation

Constantine G. "Charlie" Papavizas is a Partner of Winston & Strawn's Washington, D.C. office. He concentrates his practice in administrative and legislative matters, as well as corporate and financial matters, particularly in the maritime industry. Mr. Papavizas is also Counsel to Liberty Maritime Corporation, a leading New York-based U.S.-flag ship operator that specializes in the carriage of international food aid in bulk as well as the carriage of vehicles for the Department of Defense.



Mr. Papavizas has extensive experience in monitoring and advocacy on behalf of maritime clients before various Federal agencies, including the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Maritime Administration, and the U.S. Congress. Such maritime clients have included U.S. and foreign vessel owners and operators, shipyards, ship managers, and marine equipment suppliers.

Mr. Papavizas is a member of the Technology Committee and also serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce. He previously served as a member of the Board of Governors of the District of Columbia Port, Propeller Club of the United States (1996-2002).

Mr. Papavizas has published a number of articles on a wide range of other topics from international criminal justice matters to international security policy issues, including a bi-annual series of articles on U.S. maritime legislative developments in the Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce, "A Makeover For Investment Scrutiny" in Forbes.com; "Jones Act Hurricane Waivers" and "Lease Financing Goes Another Round" in Benedict's Maritime Bulletin, "The Jones Act Foreign Mortgage Debate" in Marine Log, and "New Developments in U.S. Flag Vessel Financing and Citizenship Developments" in the Tulane Maritime Law Journal.

Mr. Papavizas received a B.A. in Government from Georgetown University in 1978, an M.A. in International Affairs from Columbia University in 1981, and a J.D., with honors, from the George Washington University National Law Center in 1984.

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John M. Powell

Deputy Executive Director
Fundraising and Communications Department
World Food Programme

John M. Powell is Deputy Executive Director of the Fundraising and Communications Department at the World Food Programme. Since Mr Powell was appointed to this position in April 2003, the organization has done more to promote its work among decision-makers, the media and the public than ever before. It has received more media coverage and free advertising space than at any time in the organization's 40 year history. At the same time, WFP has nearly tripled its donations from emerging donors in the public and private sectors. In 2004, WFP raised a total of \$2.2 billion from more than 70 donors.



WFP is the UN's food aid agency and the largest humanitarian organization in the world. Last year, WFP fed 113 million people in 80 countries, including more than 50 million children. It focuses on bringing food to the victims of natural disasters and conflict, families affected by HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, nursing mothers and young children.

Previously, Mr Powell was Regional Director for the Asia Bureau (2001- 2003), responsible for setting up the newly established decentralised bureau in Bangkok, Thailand. In this position, he oversaw all operations in Asia, including the Programme's response to the North Korea crisis.

Mr Powell's other assignments at WFP have included: Regional Director of the Asia and Eastern Europe Bureau, Rome (2000-2001); Regional Manager of WFP West and Central Asia and Country Director in Pakistan (1999-2000); Director of the Strategy and Policy Division, Rome (1993-1999); and Regional Manager of the Asia and Pacific Bureau, Rome (1990-1993).

Prior to joining the World Food Programme in 1990, Mr Powell spent three years with the World Bank's Latin America and Caribbean Division and more than 25 years with the Australian Government. A national of Australia, Mr Powell was born in Griffith, Australia in 1945. He is a graduate of the University of Canberra and a Barrister of the High Court of Australia and Supreme Courts of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. He is married with three children.

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Pedro A. Sanchez

Director, Millennium Villages Project
Earth Institute, Columbia University

Pedro Sanchez is the Director of the Center for Tropical Agriculture and Rural Environment, Senior Research Scholar, and Director of the Millennium Villages Project at the Earth Institute at Columbia University. Dr. Sanchez was Director General of the World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF) headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya from 1991-2001, and served as Co-chair of the UN Millennium Project Hunger Task Force. He is also Professor Emeritus of Soil Science and Forestry at North Carolina State University, and was a visiting professor at the University of California, Berkeley.



A native of Cuba, Dr. Sanchez received his BS, MS and PhD degrees in soil science from Cornell University, and joined the faculty of North Carolina State University in 1968. His professional career has been dedicated to help eliminate world hunger and absolute rural poverty while protecting and enhancing the tropical environment. Dr. Sanchez has lived in the Philippines (working at the International Rice Research Institute), Peru (working at the Peruvian National Research Institute), Colombia (working at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture) and Kenya. He is the author of "Properties and Management of Soils of the Tropics" (rated among the top 10 best-selling books in soil science worldwide), co-author of "Halving Hunger: It can be done" and author of over 250 scientific publications.

He is a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, the Soil Science Society of America, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and has received the International Soil Science Award, the International Service in Agronomy Award and the Crop Science Society of America Presidential Award. He serves on the Board of Agriculture and Natural Resources of the National Academy of Sciences and the Board of Directors of Millennium Promise. Dr. Sanchez has received honorary Doctor of Science degrees from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium and the University of Guelph, Canada. He has received decorations from the governments of Colombia and Peru, and was anointed Luo Elder with the name of Odera Akang'o by the Luo community of Western Kenya. Dr. Sanchez is the 2002 World Food Prize laureate and a 2004 MacArthur Fellow.

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Charles Sandefur

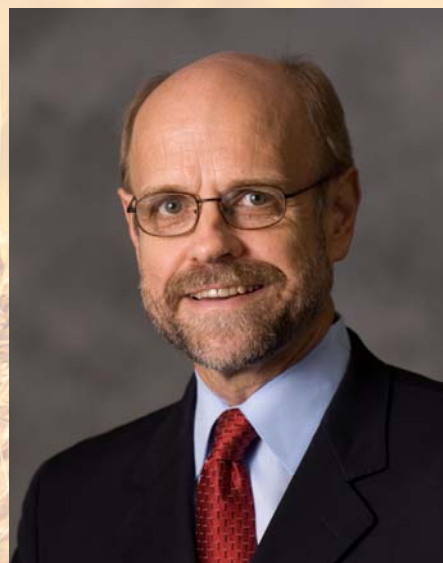
President
Adventist Development and Relief Agency

Charles Sandefur's tenure as president of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) International began in 2002. ADRA works in five core portfolios: Food Security, Economic Development, Primary Health, Emergency Management, and Basic Education.

In 2005, ADRA provided development and relief assistance valued at more than \$175 million, benefiting more than 24 million people. Its current presence in 125 countries, with more than 5,000 dedicated staff throughout its global network, make it a nongovernmental organization (NGO) with one of the most extensive worldwide reaches and recognized names. The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations granted ADRA general consultative status in 1997.

Prior to joining ADRA, Mr. Sandefur chaired and served as a member of the boards of trustees for several health and educational institutions. In addition, he has served as president of the Hawaii, Rocky Mountain, and Mid-America offices of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Mr. Sandefur earned a Bachelor of Arts from Loma Linda University and a Master of Divinity from Andrews University in Michigan. His doctoral studies at Princeton Theological Seminary focused on theology and social ethics.

His wife, Dona, is a speech pathologist. Their eldest son, Joel, is an attorney for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), currently based in Iraq. Their younger son, Justin, is a graduate student in economics at Oxford University.



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Ina Schonberg

Director
Hunger and Malnutrition Unit
Save the Children

Ms. Schonberg currently serves as the Director of the Hunger and Malnutrition Unit, a twelve-person team of mostly technical advisors, that provides support and oversight to over 40 projects in eighteen countries. These programs include food security, livelihood, nutrition and emergency health programming. Based in Washington, DC, she leads Save the Children's advocacy work related to this portfolio.

She has served in her current post with Save the Children for almost five years. For most of the past seventeen years, Ms. Schonberg has been working on food security and livelihood programs with NGOs and USAID in developing country contexts. As the Deputy Manager of an Institutional Support Contract with USAID's Office of Food for Peace, she supported a wide range of functions and staff related to proposal review, issuing and monitoring grants, program cycle planning, developing proposal guidance, office systems, planning, and training USAID and contact staff serving as backstop officers and analysts. She also served in Morocco with Catholic Relief Services as a micro-finance and institutional development advisor, seconded to a local NGO, and in their internal audit department, where she was deployed globally. Ms. Schonberg also spent three years with Citibank as a relationship manager for West African financial institutions. Ms. Schonberg also has worked with Harvard's Institute for International Development, as an auditor with Arthur Young in London, and as an advisor to an international internship exchange program in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Ms. Schonberg holds a BS in Business Administration from Boston University and a Master of International Affairs, with a specialization in Economic and Political Development, from Columbia University.

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Emmy B. Simmons

Report Author
and
Executive Committee Member
Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa

Emmy B. Simmons formerly served as the Assistant Administrator for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade at the US Agency for International Development (USAID). A member of the Senior Foreign Service, Ms. Simmons has more than 30 years experience in international agriculture and economic development.

From 1994-1997, Ms. Simmons was the Senior Program Officer for USAID's mission in Moscow. From 1991 to 1994, she served in USAID's regional office for East and Southern Africa as Supervisory Program Economist. Ms. Simmons has also served as Supervisory Agricultural Advisor for West Africa, in addition to holding a number of supervisory positions in the Africa Bureau in USAID's Washington headquarters.

Ms. Simmons began her career as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines in the 1960s. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and has a Masters Degree in Agricultural Economics from Cornell University.

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Robert H. Sindt

The Sindt Law Office

Robert H. Sindt has been in private law practice since 1990 and provides or has provided counsel to numerous trade associations and companies involved in food aid programs. From 1990 to 1998, he was of counsel to the Burditt & Radzius.

Mr. Sindt has served in various branches and levels of government. Among his positions within the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), he was Assistant Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations in the now Farm Service Agency from 1983 to 1990 and Confidential Assistant to the US Department of Agriculture General Counsel from 1981 to 1982.

Prior to joining the USDA, among the State and legislative branch positions Mr. Sindt held were Buffalo County (Nebraska) Attorney from 1979 to 1981, having served as Deputy Attorney the two years prior, and Agriculture Aide to Senator Roman Hruska and Minority Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee from 1975 to 1979.

Mr. Sindt received both a Bachelor of Science and Juris Doctor from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.



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Jim Thompson

Acting Director
Global Development Alliances
United States Agency for International Development

Jim Thompson is the Acting Director of USAID's Global Development Alliances. He is responsible for leading the USAID team in building new public-private partnerships that improve the social and economic conditions in developing countries. His special focus is alliance activities in the Europe and Eurasia Region, and food and agriculture alliances. Mr. Thompson is also the office lead for training and procurement reform in the Agency.



Mr. Thompson has worked at the U.S. Department of Energy, as a Contracting Officer and joined USAID in that capacity twelve years ago. He has further served as a Food for Peace Officer and a Program Officer in the Europe and Eurasia Bureau. He has developed the Agency's Cognizant Technical Officer training curriculum and has taught management courses throughout Africa, Latin America and Europe.

Mr. Thompson holds an International Relations degree from Saint Joseph's University and, through a Rotary Foundation Graduate Fellowship, he earned a Master of Arts in Political Studies from the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

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Aogu Andrew “Andy” Tsukamoto

Senior Director & Counsel
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Andy Tsukamoto is an executive with Maersk Inc. in Madison, New Jersey, the general agent in the United States for Maersk Line, and a subsidiary of A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S of Copenhagen, Denmark. Mr. Tsukamoto has invested his entire professional life in the maritime industry. He currently manages a department which investigates and adjusts cargo damage and/or loss claims lodged against Maersk and its affiliates in North America. In this capacity, Mr. Tsukamoto is responsible for setting the strategic direction and standards in claim prevention, loss mitigation, and the claim adjusting process. In addition, Mr. Tsukamoto responds to various legal questions related to carriage of goods, major casualties, and transportation documents. Mr. Tsukamoto also advises on U.S. general maritime law to Maersk colleagues around the world.



Mr. Tsukamoto and his department are actively engaged in addressing the issues related to the transportation of food aid cargo. A member of his staff recently chaired the Container Aid Product Improvement Team (CAPIT), consisting of representatives from the U.S. Government, cooperating sponsors and industry, formed specifically to address moisture damage problems of certain commodities.

Prior to joining Maersk, Mr. Tsukamoto was with Sea-Land Service, Inc. in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he headed Sea-Land’s Risk Management Department. Prior to joining Sea-Land, he practiced maritime law with the law firm of Haight Gardner Poor & Havens in New York City. Before joining Haight Gardner, Mr. Tsukamoto worked as a naval architect for Sea-Land, then in Edison, New Jersey, and Exxon International Co. then in Florham Park, New Jersey.

Mr. Tsukamoto received an Executive Management Program Certificate from Pennsylvania State University. He has a Juris Doctorate degree from Rutgers School of Law, a Master of Science in Engineering Degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the University of Michigan, and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the University of Michigan. Mr. Tsukamoto is admitted to practice law in New York and New Jersey. He is fluent in Japanese.

Mr. Tsukamoto was born and raised in Japan, but he now calls the U.S. home. He is married to Jeannie and has a daughter and a son. The entire family is active in charity work. Mr. Tsukamoto is a board member of the local American Red Cross chapter and heads its Governance Committee.

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Elizabeth Turner

Executive Director, SUSTAIN

Ms. Turner serves as Executive Director of SUSTAIN, a non-profit organization that applies food science and technology to enhance the nutritive quality of food staples consumed by developing country populations. Work is carried out in collaboration with industry, the scientific community and government to help promote innovation and adoption of improvements. Prior experience includes work for the U.S. Congress on a broad range of public policy and legislative issues associated with agriculture, nutrition and international trade. Ms. Turner received Masters of Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government

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Gaddi H. Vasquez

United States Representative to the United Nations Organizations in Rome

Ambassador Gaddi H. Vasquez is the 8th United States Representative to the United Nations Organizations in Rome. He was nominated by President George W. Bush and unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate on June 29, 2006. Mr. Vasquez was sworn into office on September 7, 2006 by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Ambassador Vasquez is actively engaged in raising international awareness of the urgency of addressing world hunger. In the first few months of his tenure, he traveled to Egypt, Mali, Zambia, and Malawi to view how U.S. resources provided to the UN for the benefit of the poor and malnourished are reaching those with the greatest need.

Mr. Vasquez most recently served as the Director of the United States Peace Corps and became the third-longest serving Director in the Peace Corps' 45 year history. Under Mr. Vasquez's leadership, the Peace Corps realized a 30-year high of volunteers in the field, significantly enhanced the safety and security systems world wide, and oversaw the largest Congressional appropriation in the Peace Corps' history for three consecutive years. During his tenure, the Peace Corps also worked with six countries to participate in the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, opened an historic program in Mexico, and directed the entry or re-entry into 21 Peace Corps countries.

Ambassador Vasquez's public career includes service at the city, county, state, and Federal levels of government. He began his 29-year career in public service as a police officer in Orange, California. Mr. Vasquez served as an appointee of three former California governors and was appointed by former President George H.W. Bush to Federal commissions.

Mr. Vasquez is an active public servant and has received numerous awards for leadership and community service, including: the Outstanding Alumni Award by the American Association of Community Colleges, the Coro Foundation Crystal Eagle Award, and the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund Globe and Anchor Award. He is the recipient of the Jewish National Fund Tree of Life Award and the B'nai Brith Award for Leadership and Community Service.

A native of Carrizo Springs, Texas, Mr. Vasquez is the son of migrant farm workers of Mexican descent who instilled in him a strong work ethic and the value of always giving his utmost to any endeavor. He became the first member of his family to earn a college degree. He is a graduate of the University of Redlands and has served as a trustee professor at Chapman University. In addition, he has been the recipient of three honorary doctorate degrees.



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Dr. Patrick Webb

Dean of Academic Affair and Professor
Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy
Tufts University

Patrick Webb is Dean of Academic Affairs, and a professor, at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University in Boston, MA. He is also an adjunct professor in the Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy, and honorary professor at the University of Hohenheim in Stuttgart, Germany.



Dr. Webb's current research focuses on nutrition-disease interactions (including in the context of HIV programming), the role of the private sector in humanitarian relief, and measure of diet quality (micronutrient issues) in emergency settings.

Until August 2005, Dr. Webb was the Chief of Nutrition at the World Food Program. He also worked on inter-agency program coordination and policy harmonization, including developing deeper operational collaborations with UNICEF, FAO, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and other agencies. Among many other accomplishments, Dr. Webb spent nine years with the International Food Policy Research Institute, stationed for most of that time in Ethiopia, Niger, and The Gambia.

He is a member of the Boards of the International Nutrition Foundation, the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, focal point for academic outreach for the World Food Programme, and scientific advisory board member on nutrition for UNICEF.

Dr. Webb received his BA from the University of Sussex and his MA and Ph.D from the University of Birmingham.

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Richard Wilcox

Director of Business Planning
World Food Programme

Dr. Richard Wilcox is the United Nations World Food Programme's (WFP) Director of Business Planning. Based in Rome, Italy, the WFP is the world's largest humanitarian aid agency providing over \$2 billion annually in emergency assistance to victims of natural and man-made disasters in developing countries. The Business Planning Division created and manages a \$250 million financial facility to finance emergency aid in advance of donor contributions and is operating famine insurance projects to protect populations vulnerable to starvation resulting from weather shocks.



Dr. Wilcox joined the UN WFP in 2001 as Chief of Interagency Coordination. Prior to joining the WFP, he was Director of United Nations Affairs on the U.S National Security Council staff under President Clinton. Since 1005, he has been working in the emergency assistance field in a number of positions in the United Nations, including Political Advisor to the International Police Commissioner in Bosnia, Senior UN Liaison in Iraq, and Political Advisor to the Secretary General's Special Representative for Iraq.

Dr. Wilcox studied international relations at Georgetown University and holds a Ph.D from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has also studied political philosophy at Harvard University and finance at INSEAD. Dr. Wilcox is also an adjunct professor at the John Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Bologna, Italy.

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OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The USDA and USAID are not sponsoring the pre- and post-conference activities described below, but as a courtesy is providing information about them to attendees of the International Food Aid Conference.

School Feeding Programs in Developing Countries

The United Nations Association's Kansas City Chapter will host a symposium on April 16 about school lunch programs in developing countries.

Details are available at the following website: <http://una-kc.org/>

Food Aid Regulation Training

The Association of PVO Financial Managers will provide training on Food Aid Program regulations of the USAID and USDA. The training is April 19-20.

Details are available at the following website: <http://www.apvofm.org/workshops.htm>

Development Bazaar

Organizations may sign-up for time in a meeting room to showcase their PVO projects or vendor products and services. This schedule of events will be published in advance of the Conference for attendees to see.

Details for signing up are available [here](#).

(The Development Bazaar Schedule begins on the next page)



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DEVELOPMENT BAZAAR

SCHEDULE

The development bazaar is provided as an opportunity for organizations to host discussions about their projects, services and products

Below is a list of these organizations and the date, time, and location of their presentations

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Time	Room	Presenter	Presentation Title and Description
4:00 p.m.	Westin Hotel, Shawnee	Nadir Sidiq Afghanistan Sustainable Agriculture Education Organization (ASAEO)	Sustainable Agriculture: A Remedy in the Infrastructure of Afghanistan Mr. Sidiq will discuss with attendees the mission of the Afghanistan Sustainable Agriculture Education Organization, and its needs (pest and disease problems of Afghanistan farmers, resources limited agriculture), projects, and budget.
4:00 p.m.	Westin Hotel, Mission	John Trestrail Next Wave Agency, Inc.	Apply (Free) Government Data to your Advantage Commodity suppliers, ocean carriers, ports and transloaders learn how your organization can benefit from the free data available from the government to better understand your markets, increase your revenue, and improve forecasting. Mr. Trestrail will explain how to find and decipher the abundance of information available to your organization – and how to make it work for you.



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Wednesday - April 18, 2007

Time	Room	Presenter	Presentation Title and Description
2:00 p.m.	Westin Hotel, Shawnee	Hank Bruce Hunger Grow Away	<p>Abundant Harvest Gardens</p> <p>Hunger Grow Away is a non-profit organization created to be a part of the solution to hunger, malnutrition, and dietary diseases by encouraging the use of family gardens for vegetable production. In many of the most difficult communities we provide a micro-intensive, self-contained 4' x 4' growing system that uses about 20% of the water, is handicap adaptable and works well as an organic growing system. These Abundant Harvest Gardens and the cultivation of Moringa are a part of our focus in refugee camps, urban areas, and arid lands. We have projects in several parts of the world and look forward to partnering with other agencies and NGO's. Working together we can solve hunger "One Family at a Time".</p>
2:30 p.m.	Westin Hotel, Mission	Brent Babb U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC)	<p>Soy Entrepreneur Economic Development for Livestock Industries and Food Enterprises</p> <p>USSEC is a non-profit organization focused on providing assistance to developing soy-related businesses around the world in human food and animal feed industries by partnering with local entrepreneurs to increase economic return. USSEC employs over 150 staff worldwide to provide technical assistance and business expertise promoting sustainable economic growth to organizations from a one-person soyfood shop to an integrated poultry or aquaculture operation. USSEC is a sister organization to the World Initiative for Soy in Human Health (WISHH).</p>



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Wednesday - April 18, 2007

Time	Room	Presenter	Presentation Title and Description
3:30 p.m.	Westin Hotel, Mission	Greg Umayá CARE International in Kenya	<p>Reducing Rural Household Vulnerability through implementation of Food for Work Project in Flood Prone Areas</p> <p>With Title II resources availed by USAID/FFP, CARE International in Kenya is implementing a food security project that began in FY 2004 and will end in FY 2008. The overall objective is to reduce the number of persons displaced by floods in Nyando Basin bordering Lake Victoria. Other objectives include rehabilitating waters ways, infrastructure and small holder irrigation schemes destroyed by floods. CARE uses food for work approach whereby communities who provide labor to rehabilitate the dilapidated infrastructure are compensated with pulses and vegetable oil. Achievements to date are significant reduction of number of persons displaced by floods and increased areas under irrigated hi value commercial crop production that in turn has improved rural households revenues. All the successes could not have been obtained if CARE had not deliberately designed the project to: 1) integrate other livelihood interventions with food for work project 2) promoted production of high value commercial crops to attract communities to rehabilitate collapsed economic units and 3) interacted with other key stakeholders. Despite the positive results, CARE's effort has assisted to rehabilitate a very small proportion of what need to be done if additional resources are provided. Also, programming with imported food often presents local market disincentives which can be overcome by either in-country purchase of commodities for direct distribution or using cash for work approach.</p>



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Wheat Educational Program

A 2-day educational program is offered by the International Grains Program of Kansas State University, the U.S. Wheat Food Aid Working Group, and the Kansas Wheat Commission.

What	The International Grains Program (IGP) of Kansas State University in Manhattan Kansas, in conjunction with the U.S. Wheat Food Aid Working Group, and the Kansas Wheat Commission, will offer an <i>optional</i> 2-day educational program. <i>A minimum of 20 participants is required to conduct the program. No more than 50 participants will be allowed.</i>
Who	Designed primarily for non-government organizations and food aid government officials
When	April 19-20, 2007
Where	Kansas City, Missouri (Same venue as the International Food Aid Conference)
Cost	US \$50 sign up fee per person
Registration	See IFAC Registration form
Contact	Cathy McGlothlin, 011-785-532-4070 or e-mail cmcglath@ksu.edu

DEVELOPMENT BAZAAR

SIGN-UP

In addition to having an exhibit booth, there have been requests to have an opportunity to showcase a project, product, or service. For this reason we are providing organizations an opportunity to sign-up for 30-minute intervals during the afternoons of April 17 and April 18 in a meeting room.

Each organization is limited to one thirty-minute slot. Slots will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to those organizations that are not already being portrayed in a General Session or Breakout Session venue.

Fax your sign-up sheet to IFAC, 816-823-4034.

Email any questions you may have to ifac@kcc.usda.gov

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- Letter from publisher or station manager verifying your role as a journalist

Fax this information to 202-720-2979, attention Latawnya Dia.

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