



## **AIARD Conference 2019, June 2-4, 2019, Hilton Garden Inn, Washington DC/US Capitol**

### **Resilience in global food systems: what does this look like and what will it take?**

Nourishing the world's population in an era of increasing strain on planetary resources and boundaries requires a more resilient global food system. Yet how do we understand resilience in global food systems? What is the capacity of our global food systems to respond and adapt to shocks and stress? What are the dimensions of resilience that relate to food systems?

AIARD's 55<sup>th</sup> annual meeting will address these critical questions and look at what building resilient global food systems looks like, both now and in the future. Are investments in building resilience a better bet for the sustainability of human populations and the planet on which we depend? How does building resilience equate to developing self-reliance in our global food systems? And how will we know if we're on track to build resilient food systems for all people, both now and for future generations?

### **Sunday, June 2**

**5:00-6:30 PM**

#### **Career Workshop**

Host: Chuck Chopak, DAI

**Panelists:** Tatiana Bullock, ACDI VOCA

Natalia Douma, DAI

Lordes Martinez, USAID

**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

#### **Registration and Welcoming Reception**

### **Monday, June 3**

**8:00 - 8:30 AM**

#### **Breakfast/Registration**

**8:30 - 8:40 AM**

#### **President's Address and Conference Charge**

Gretchen Neisler, University of Tennessee, AIARD President, 2018-2019

**8:40 - 8:45 AM**

#### **Introductory poem**

Aaron R., Winner, 2018 World Food Day Poetry Competition



**8:45 – 8:50 AM**      **Remarks on the passing of Senator Richard G. Lugar (Indiana), 1932-2019**

Tom Gill, University of Tennessee, AIARD President-elect

**8:50 - 9:00 AM**      **Introduction of Future Leaders**

Robert Haggerty, University of Idaho, FLF Committee Chair

**Monday Morning, Session 1 Theme:**

**Resilience in global food systems: what does it look like?**

In this morning session, we will explore the definition of resilience in the context of global food systems. What is resilience? How can we define it? What are its components? What are the different understandings of resilience? Is there a common framework for understanding how resilience applies to global food systems?

**9:00 - 9:40 AM**      **Keynote:** Cary Fowler, former executive director of the Global Crop Diversity Trust and former member of the Presidential Board on International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD)

**9:40 - 10:00 AM**      **Q&A for speaker**

**10:00 - 10:20 AM**      **Networking Break**

**10:20 - 11:30 AM**      **Panel and Q&A**

**Moderator:** Bob Rabatsky, Fintrac

**Panelists:** Rebecca Carter, World Resources Institute

Bronwyn Irwin, DAI

Robby Richardson, Michigan State University

**11:30 - 12:00 PM**      **Future Leaders Forum Participant Research Presentations**

**12:00 - 1:30 PM**      **Lunch**

**Keynote:** Greg Collins, Deputy Assistant Administrator, USAID Bureau for Food Security

**Monday Afternoon Session 2 Theme:**

**What will it take to build resilient food systems globally?**

In this afternoon session, we will turn towards the application of resilience frameworks to global food systems. How are we re-calibrating our food systems around the world to be resilient in the face of shocks and stress? What are some real-world examples of how various stakeholders are building resilient food systems globally? How do these differ by geographies, by system, and by



scale? How do gender, culture, and other cross-cutting concerns influence the undertaking of building resilience in food systems?

**1:30 – 2:45 PM      Lightning talks**

**Moderator:** Samantha Alvis, USAID

*When Women Lead*

Rebecca Savoie, NCBA CLUSA

*Reaching the Unreached through Resilient Market Systems*

Latha Nagarajan, International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC)

*Gender and Youth Inclusion in Market-Driven Agriculture for Resilient Agricultural Systems in Nigeria*

Caryl Merten & Ilisa Gertner, Chemonics International

*Farmers in Rural Haiti Building Food Security and Climate Resilience*

Michael Neumann, Partners in Progress

*Resilience in Protracted Crisis: NE Nigeria*

Kelly Kurz, Mercy Corps

*Re-calibrating for Resilience: Diversity in the Cambodian Food System*

David Ader, University of Tennessee

*Why climate resilience in agriculture is not possible without considering gender*

Elizabeth Bryan, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

*Thinking of Food Systems in the POV of Rural, Vulnerable Households*

Alysa Grude, ACDI/VOCA

**3:00 - 4:15 PM      Lightning talk roundtables**

**4:15- 5:00 PM      Policy Update – International provisions of the 2018 Farm Bill**

**Speaker:** Katie Bergh, Professional Staff (Democratic), Senate Ag Committee

**Respondents:** Tag Demment, APLU

Sue Schram, AIARD Board

**5:00 - 6:00 PM      Reception**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM      Conference Dinner and AIARD 2019 Awards Presentations**

**Speaker:** Katie Garcia, Office of Market and Partnership Innovations, USAID Bureau for Food Security



## **Tuesday, June 4**

**8:00 - 8:45 AM Breakfast and Future Leader Forum Participant Research Presentations**

### **Tuesday Morning, Session 3 Theme:**

**Measuring resilience in global food systems – how will we know if we're on track to building these resilient systems?**

In this final session, we will explore ways to measure resilience in food systems. What are the tools we have or need in order to adequately measure resilience in food systems? How will we know when we have built a resilient food system? Who decides? What steps do we need to take moving forward to develop common frameworks to measure resilience in global food systems?

**8:45 - 9:15 AM Keynote:** Paul Dorosh, IFPRI, Director, Development Strategy and Governance Division

**9:15 – 9:30 AM Q&A for speaker**

**9:30 - 10:30 AM Panel and Q&A**

**Moderator:** Russ Webster, International Development Strategies, LLC

**Panelists:** Jan Middendorf, Kansas State/Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab

David Nicholson, Mercy Corps

Ray Waldron, PEEL

**10:30 - 10:45 AM Networking Break**

**10:45 - 11:30 AM Table discussions and report out**

**11:30 - 12:00 PM Future Leader Presentation/Conference Wrap Up**

**12:00 - 1:00PM Lunch and Conference Summary**

Russ Webster, AIARD President-elect

**1:00 - 2:00 PM Annual AIARD Business Meeting and Conference Close**

Tom Gill, University of Tennessee, AIARD President 2019-2020

*Note: Following the close of the AIARD business meeting, the International Agriculture Section of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) will hold their business meeting. Those interested in international agriculture activities at universities, regardless of APLU membership, are welcome to attend.*