



# INTERNATIONAL Stewardship Symposium

Hyatt Regency — Calgary, AB  
**Preliminary Program**  
14–15 July 2015



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Time	Activity
Monday — July 13	
5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.	<b>Welcome Cocktails</b>
Tuesday — July 14	
8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b> <b>Opening remarks with Chuck Magro, CEO, Agrium Inc.</b> <b>Greetings from the Government of Alberta</b>
9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	<b>Framework for Increasing Soil Quality</b> <p>Soil plays a vital role in food security, climate change adaptation and mitigation, essential ecosystem services, poverty alleviation and development. We need effective policies and actions for the sustainable management and protection of soil resources including 4R Nutrient Stewardship practices for fertilizer use. This panel will discuss important ways to collect soil information, monitor it, and promote investment in sustainable soil management activities to develop and maintain healthy soils.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Lara Moody, Director of Stewardship Programs for The Fertilizer Institute</i></p> <p><i>Confirmed speakers:</i>  <i>Terry Tindall Ph.D., Senior Agronomist, J.R. Simplot Company</i>  <i>Hlami Ngwenya, Consultant, Global Forum Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS)</i>  <i>Ajay Markanday, Director, FAO Liaison Office for North America (LOW)</i></p>
10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	<b>Framework for Increasing Soil Quality (continues)</b> <p>An interactive session with the panel follows. Please bring your ideas about making progress to improve, monitor and protect soils.</p>
12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch: Celebration of International Year of Soils</b> <p><i>Chair: Barbara J. Cade-Menun, Ph.D Research Scientist, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada</i>  <i>President of the Canadian Society of Soil Science, and the chair of CSSS's Year of the Soil committee. She is also</i>  <i>Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's representative for the Year of the Soil</i></p>
1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	<b>Better Access to Inputs for Smallholders in Africa</b> <p>Financial services, fertilizers and other inputs are essential to achieve food and nutrition security in Africa, where smallholders struggle each day to increase their yields with limited resources. This panel will be a lively discussion on how smallholders in Africa can become more productive and profitable by increasing their access to farm inputs and services such as: access to credit, quality seeds of improved varieties, soil nutrients or fertilizers, crop protection products, irrigation and crop insurance.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Kevin Tiessen, Senior Program Specialist, Agriculture and Food Security, IDRC</i></p> <p><i>Confirmed speakers:</i>  <i>Hlami Ngwenya, Consultant, Global Forum Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS)</i>  <i>Ingrid Fischer, Director of Programs, Canadian Co-operative Association</i>  <i>Laurence Dare, East Africa Policy Manager, One Acre Fund</i></p>

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3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	<p><b>8 Great Ideas for Access to Inputs for Smallholders in Africa</b></p> <p>Give us your ideas. We are calling for speakers to address great programs for access of smallholders to inputs in Africa. Speakers will participate in a rapid fire presentation of 3 minutes each, and then be the focal point of the reception to follow where audience members will interact and vote on the greatest of the great ideas which will be featured on the web site after the conference.</p> <p><i>Send your ideas to: <a href="mailto:paulina@emergingag.com">paulina@emergingag.com</a></i></p> <p>8 presentations, 3 minutes each</p>
5:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>Wednesday — July 15</b>	
8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.	<b>Buffet Breakfast</b>
9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	<p><b>Climate Smart Agriculture</b></p> <p>Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) is a feature theme and will play a key role for the United Nations, its Agencies, country members and stakeholders. Specifically from the perspective of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Symposium will be organized at a time when its officials are rolling out the Global Alliance on CSA 'key deliverables' for 2015. The panel will be a broad, open and inclusive platform focused on action, knowledge and practice sharing and learning. Participants will discuss how to contribute to the UN's key deliverables for 2015 and galvanise momentum among the stakeholders of the Global Alliance on Climate Smart Agriculture.</p> <p><i>Keynote: Ajay Markanday, Director, FAO Liaison Office for North America (LOW)</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Eric Robinson, Alternate Permanent Representative of Canada to the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the UN</i></p> <p><i>Confirmed speakers:</i></p> <p><i>Anette Englund Friis, Head of Program Coordination on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security, CGIAR Research Program</i></p> <p><i>Ben Pratt, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, The Mosaic Company</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Kaushik Majumdar, Director of Programs for South Asia, International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI)</i></p> <p><i>Tim Nerbas, Agrologist, Soil Conservation Council of Canada</i></p>
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12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	<p><b>Moving Climate Smart Agriculture Ahead</b></p> <p><b>Interactive Lunch break</b></p> <p>Tables will discuss the ways Climate Smart Agriculture can be applied to your businesses, programs and farms. It is all about getting good techniques used on the ground to manage weather variability, changes in soil quality and to make agriculture more sustainable.</p> <p><i>Chair: Patrick Heffer, Senior Director, Agriculture Service, International Fertilizer Industry Association (IFA)</i></p>



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1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	<p><b>Metrics for Sustainable Agriculture</b></p> <p>Is big data the next way to improve agriculture? Do we have the tools and solutions to get agriculture knowledge quantified, leading to better outcomes for farmers and the environment? The participants of this panel will focus on most important metrics and systems related to agriculture such as: land use, soil loss, irrigation and water, energy use and climate impact.</p> <p><i>Chair: Rosemary O'Brien, Vice President Public Affairs, CF Industries</i></p> <p><i>Confirmed speakers:</i> <i>Dr. Xuhua Zhong, Guangdong Academy of Agricultural Sciences, The Rice Research Institute</i> <i>Nishan Majarian, CEO and Co-Founder, Agrian Inc.</i> <i>Mr. Mogens Nielsen, Project Manager, Yara Danmark</i></p>	
3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	<b>Closing Session and Call to Actions</b>	