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 55th 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
Remarks on the passing of Senator Richard G. Lugar (Indiana), 1932-2019
Tom Gill, University of Tennessee, AIARD President-elect

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?

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)

Q&A for speaker

Networking Break

Panel and Q&A
Moderator: Bob Rabatsky, Fintrac
Panelists: Rebecca Carter, World Resources Institute
Bronwyn Irwin, DAI
Robby Richardson, Michigan State University

Future Leaders Forum Participant Research Presentations

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.*