



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 55th annual meeting will address these critical questions to discuss 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 do issues of working across local, national, regional and global scales impact the resilience in our global food systems? 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?

Conference Agenda

Sunday, June 2

- 5:00 - 6:30 PM** Career Workshop, hosted by Chuck Chopak, DAI
6:30 - 8:00 PM Registration and Welcoming Reception

Monday, June 3

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM** **Breakfast/Registration, President's Address and Introduction of Future Leaders**
- 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

9:00 AM -12:00 PM **Conference Session 1**, with Keynote speaker, Panelists and Future Leader presentations

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: Dr. Cary Fowler, former executive director of the Global Crop Diversity Trust

Panelists include Dr. Bronwyn Irwin, DAI, Dr. Rebecca Carter, WRI, and Dr. Robby Richardson, Michigan State University

12:00 - 1:30 PM **Lunch with Keynote Speaker to introduce Conference Session 2**

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

1:30 – 4:15 PM **Conference Session 2**, with Lightning Talks and Roundtables

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 agricultural/rural system, and by scale (global/national and regional/local/household)? How do gender, culture, and other cross-cutting concerns influence the undertaking of building resilience in food systems?

4:15 – 5:00 PM **Policy Update. Speaker:** Katie Bergh, Professional Staff (D), Senate Ag Committee.

Respondents: Tag Demment, APLU, Sue Schram, AIARD Board

5:00 - 6:00 PM **Reception**

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

Tuesday, June 4

8:00 - 8:45 AM Breakfast and Future Leader Presentations

8:45 - 11:30 AM **Conference session 3**, with Keynote speaker, Panelists and Table Discussions

Session 3 Theme: Measuring resilience in global food systems – how will we know if we're on track to building these resilient systems?

Keynote: Dr. Paul Dorosh, IFPRI

Panelists include Dr. Arame Tall, World Bank, Ray Waldron, PEEL, Dr. Jan Middendorf, Kansas State/Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab, and Jon Kurtz, Mercy Corps

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?

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

12:00 - 2:00 PM Lunch, Conference Summary, AIARD Business Meeting and Conference Close

Russ Webster, AIARD President-Elect

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.