

Food Security: Science, Sustainability and Governance
Thursday 5th & Friday 6th July 2012

La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia

“Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life”. (World Food Summit, 1996)

Food security is both a local and a global issue, and indicative of an international food security crisis. As the world’s population grows and the strain on the global resources deepens, it is becoming increasingly urgent to strengthen the global capacity for food production. Should the food crisis worsen, we will likely see substantial impacts on global civil security.

Food Security: Science, Sustainability and Governance will be held in conjunction with Business and Higher Education Round Table (B-HERT) and La Trobe University. This conference will address the challenges facing food security and will bring together business, industry, government, and academics to discuss practical solutions for local and global concerns. The conference presents an excellent opportunity to showcase current thinking and projects for a crisis with a web of interconnected issues that is not easily analysed or quantified.

Food Security: Science, Sustainability and Governance will investigate:

- Food supply, access, and distribution
- Innovation supporting food availability
- The global food economy: models of the food industry & funding and investment in agriculture
- Global policies: the international response to food insecurity
- Australia and the international policy environment: Australia’s effect internationally
- The importance of science, policy and business working together
- Population growth and its effects on food security
- Aid governance- realising the transition to trade
- International policy development and the implications for science and business
- Australia’s position in the global food market
- A look at GMO: modifying food to support improved nutrition and health
- Global solutions to local problems
- Climate change and the implications for food production: encouraging sustainable farming
- Increased wealth in emerging markets: the greater demand for calories and changes in traditional diets
- Soil degradation, over-cropping and fertilisation

Call for Papers

PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINE

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Prospective speakers are invited to submit presentation outlines for original research and recent developments in the topics related to food security. Each presentation will be 35 minutes and outlines should be submitted via email to hannah.guz@informa.com.au

All outlines will be reviewed and once accepted, the presentation will be included in the *Food Security: Science, Sustainability and Governance* conference to be held the 5 & 6 July 2012.

Paper Submission Deadline: 30 January 2012