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2007 “Borlaug Dialogue” to Address Global Impact of Biofuels

Speakers from around the globe to highlight “promises and challenges” of emerging biofuel industry

(DES MOINES, IA, USA) - - One of America’s foremost conferences on international agriculture and food policy, the Norman E. Borlaug International Symposium, will this year focus on **“Biofoods and Biofuels: Global Challenges of Emerging Technologies.”**

The [“Borlaug Dialogue”](#) will be held in Des Moines October 17-19 as part of the awarding of the \$250,000 **World Food Prize** to [Dr. Philip E. Nelson](#) of Purdue University. Several hundred policymakers, industry officials and executives, and agriculture and science experts from around the world will attend.

“We expect a wide-ranging, thought-provoking discussion of biofuels’ promises and challenges, especially in the context of issues including climate change, declining water resources, food security, global and regional trade, and international development,” said Ambassador Kenneth Quinn, president of the World Food Prize Foundation. “We have recruited [speakers from around the world](#) who can offer unique perspectives on the future of the growing biofuel industry.”

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Hugh Grant**, CEO of Monsanto;
- **Chris Policinski**, CEO of Land O’Lakes;
- **Chad Holliday**, CEO of DuPont;
- **Jeffrey Cox**, Global Head of Corn and Soybeans, Syngenta
- **Chuck Conner**, Acting U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
- **Lulama Xingwana**, South Africa’s Minister of Agriculture;
- **Daniel Sullivan**, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs;
- **Roberto Rodrigues**, Brazil’s former Minister of Agriculture;
- **Corrado Clini**, director-general of Italy’s Ministry of the Environment and chair of the G8 Global Bioenergy Partnership;
- **John Powell**, Deputy Executive Director, UN World Food Programme
- **Zhangliang Chen**, President of China Agricultural University;
- **Ibrahim Mayaki**, Executive Director of The Hub for Rural Development in West & Central Africa and Former Prime Minister of Niger
- **Cynthia Rosenzweig**, NASA’s lead researcher on climate change and agriculture;
- **James Greenwood**, CEO of the Biotechnology Industry Organization.

Other speakers and attendees will include high-level representatives of USDA, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and several land-grant universities, research institutions, biofuels producers, and agribusinesses.

The “Borlaug Dialogue” will include several side events on October 17, including a U.S. Agency for International Development open forum on **Biofuels in Africa** and an evening informational event and reception, the **Iowa Biofuels Expo**, that will highlight Iowa’s leadership in bioenergy.

The [World Food Prize](#) was founded in 1986 and has been headquartered in Iowa since 1990. Several heads of state have called the annual \$250,000 award “the Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture.”

A press registration form can be found at: http://www.worldfoodprize.org/press_room/PressRoom.htm