



## Second Annual AGree Partners Forum: *Driving Positive Change in Food & Agriculture*

November 4, 2015

Kellogg Conference Hotel, Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Avenue NE, Washington, DC

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### Agenda

#### Meeting Objectives

Since our launch in 2011, we have developed diverse [consensus recommendations](#) on a range of critical issues facing the food and agriculture system. AGree is now focused on working with partners to put the wheels of change in motion. The Second Annual AGree Partners Forum is an opportunity to calibrate and focus our collective efforts on the positive changes that are needed to ensure success throughout the food and agriculture system. Specifically, the objectives of the forum are to:

- Take stock of food and agriculture's progress since AGree's beginnings and assess current and future challenges and opportunities;
- Hear from diverse leaders about how they are tackling challenges and driving positive change that is aligned with AGree's vision for the food and agriculture system; and,
- Identify priority actions and consider new opportunities for collective action that can be supported by AGree's platform for change.

#### Tuesday, November 3, 2015

**6:30 pm**     **Partners Forum Reception - Dock 5 Union Market, 1309 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Washington, DC.** *Free Parking available at Union Market in the Neal Place parking lot. Reception is a 5 minute walk from the Kellogg Conference Hotel.*

#### Wednesday, November 4, 2015

**8:30 am**     **Breakfast available**

**9:00 am AGree Co-Chair Welcome & Agenda Review**

- Emmy Simmons, AGree Co-Chair and former Assistant Administrator for Economic Growth, Agriculture, and Trade, U.S. Agency for International Development
- Deborah Atwood, AGree Executive Director

**9:15 am Setting the Stage: AGree Level-Setting**

*How far have we come collectively and where are we going? AGree leadership will provide a dynamic recap of the AGree process and the path ahead.*

- Jim Moseley, AGree Co-Chair and former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture
- Deborah Atwood, AGree Executive Director

**9:30 am Taking Stock: Sage Perspectives on the Challenges Facing Food and Agriculture**

*What are key challenges facing agriculture and the food system, and how can we ensure a vibrant food and agriculture sector and a healthy, well-nourished population for generations to come? We'll hear from two senior leaders about their experiences on these issues and the opportunities they see to forge common ground.*

Introductions: Jim Moseley, AGree Co-Chair

- The Honorable Senator Richard Lugar

**10:00 am Responding to the Challenges: Creating Interconnected Policies and Programs for Food & Agriculture**

*AGree's hallmark is bringing together leaders who see the connections across issues and are working to develop real solutions to the myriad of challenges facing agriculture and the food system – nutrition and dietary preferences, sustainability, water quality and quantity, research, etc. These dynamic leaders will share short remarks, followed by a moderated discussion including questions and discussion with the audience.*

Introductions: Dan Glickman, AGree Co-Chair and former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture

- Tres Bailey, Director of Food and Agriculture, Federal Government Relations and Corporate Affairs, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- Evelyn Crayton, President, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Krysta Harden, Deputy Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture
- Sally Rockey, Executive Director, Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research

Moderator: Tamar Haspel, Food & Agriculture Writer, The Washington Post

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- [AGree Initiatives](#): descriptions of AGree's eight Initiatives, including consensus recommendations.

**11:00 am Break**

**11:15 am Food as Health: Building Bridges to Foster Healthy Children, Families, and Communities**

*Panel will discuss how to build a bridge between food and nutrition and health for all populations and discuss how to successfully address a problem many people have concluded is intractable. Panelists will share short remarks, followed by a moderated discussion including questions and discussion with the audience.*

- Katie Adamson, Director of Health Partnerships and Policy, YMCA of the USA
- Kumar Chandran, Chief of Staff, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Betti Wiggins, Executive Director, Office of School Nutrition, Detroit Public Schools

Moderator: Kathleen Merrigan, AGree-Co-Chair and former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

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- [Food & Nutrition: Cultivating Healthy Communities Initiative Overview](#)
- [Food & Nutrition Consensus Recommendations](#)

**Noon International Development: Bringing Agriculture to the Table**

*Producer and policy leaders will share their views on how international agricultural development is aligned with the interests of U.S. agriculture and how diverse groups can collaborate to ensure long-term support for U.S. agricultural development assistance and global food security programming. Panelists will share short remarks, followed by a moderated discussion including questions and discussion with the audience.*

- Katy Button, Senior Policy and External Relations Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Wade Cowan, President, American Soybean Association
- Pam Johnson, Past President, National Corn Growers Association

Moderator: Todd Barker, Senior Partner, Meridian Institute

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- [International Development: Promoting Development through Food and Agriculture Initiative Overview](#)
- [International Development Consensus Recommendations](#)
- [June 2015 letter](#) to Congressional leadership from the Global Agriculture Development Working Group

**12:30 pm Lunch & Keynote Speaker**

Introduction: Kathleen Merrigan, AGree Co-Chair

- The Honorable Bill Northey, Secretary of Agriculture, Iowa Department of Agriculture

**1:30 pm AGree's Presidential Call to Action: Support an Integrated Strategy for the Future of U.S. Food and Agriculture**

- Dan Glickman, AGree Co-Chair

**2:00 pm Working Landscapes: Developing Innovative Policy Solutions and On-the-Ground Actions**

*Partners in Minnesota will announce their work piloting AGree's model for cooperative conservation in select watersheds across the state and how this producer-led program is working with regulators, the supply chain, environmentalists, and researchers to support profitable farms and improve environmental conditions. Panelists will also discuss AGree's work to support data integration and analysis intended to drive broader adoption of conservation practices. Panelists will share short remarks, followed by a moderated discussion including questions and discussion with the audience.*

- Perry Aasness, Executive Director, MN Agri-Growth Council
- Kristin Duncanson, Owner and Partner, Duncanson Growers
- Ann Mills, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Mark Muller, Program Director, Mississippi River Program, The McKnight Foundation

Moderator: Ferd Hoefner, Policy Director, National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition

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- [Working Landscapes: Achieving Productivity, Profitability, and Environmental Outcomes Initiative Overview](#)

- [Working Landscapes Consensus Recommendations](#)
- [Working Lands Conservation Partnerships \(WLCP\) Overview](#)
- [Conservation and Crop Insurance \(CCI\) Task Force Overview](#)

**2:45 pm Looking Ahead: Opportunities for Food and Agriculture**

- Debra Eschmeyer, Executive Director of Let's Move! and Senior Policy Advisor for Nutrition Policy, The White House
- Jonas Singer, Owner and Co-Founder, Union Kitchen

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- [Next Generation: Attracting Young People to Food and Agriculture Initiative Overview](#)
- [Food and Agricultural Education in the United States](#)

**3:00 pm Closing Remarks**

- Deborah Atwood, AGree Executive Director

**3:15 pm Adjourn**