

IICA 2026 Americas Agriculture Forum Food Security as National Security

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 2026

08h00 - 08h15

Opening Ceremony and Land Acknowledgement – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

- **Dr Jean-Charles Le Vallée** (Forum MC) [EN/FR](#)
Country Representative, IICA Canada, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
- **Ryan Denis Carignan** [FR](#)
Pasqua First Nation in Treaty Four, Saskatchewan
Coordinateur d'activités, Bureau des premiers peuples, Université Laval

08h15 - 08h30

Opening Remarks – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

- **Dre Sophie d'Amours** (Co-Host) [FR](#)
Rectrice, Université Laval
- **Dr Muhammad Ibrahim** [EN](#)
Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture
- **Dr Denis Roy** (Partner) [FR](#)
Doyen, Faculté des sciences de l'agriculture et de l'alimentation, Université Laval

08h30 - 09h15

Visions for a Food Secure World – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

- **Dr Muhammad Ibrahim** [EN](#)
Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture
- **Casper Kaastra** [EN](#)
Chef de la Direction, Sollio Agriculture
 - Moderator: **Tyler McCann** [EN](#)
Managing Director, Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute

09h15 - 10h00

Plenary 1: Setting the Stage: Food Security as National Security – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

- **Dre Anessa Kimball** [FR](#)
Professeure titulaire, Département de science politique, Faculté des sciences sociale, Université Laval
- **Dr Guillaume Lhermie** [FR](#)
Professor, Animal Health Economics and Policy, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Calgary
- **Karim Stéphane Mansouri** (Sponsor) [FR](#)
Directeur Canada, OCP North America
 - Moderator: **Dre Geneviève Parent** (Partner) [FR](#)
Professeure titulaire, Faculté de droit / Titulaire, Chaire de recherche en droit sur la diversité et la sécurité alimentaire, Université Laval

10h00 - 10h30

Networking Break

10h30 - 11h15

Plenary 2: Linking Farmers to Markets in Latin America and the Caribbean – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

Organized by World Bank Group (Sponsor)

- **Dr Muhammad Ibrahim** [EN](#)
Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture
 - **Hon. Moisés Abraham Molina Guillén** [SP](#)
Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería, Honduras
 - **Zano Mataruka** [EN](#)
Regional Industry Manager (Agribusiness) for LAC, International Finance Corporation (IFC Office in Brazil)
 - Moderator: **Diego Arias** (Sponsor) [EN](#)
Practice Manager, Agriculture and Food, The World Bank Group
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11h15 - 12h30

Workshop 1.1. Shared Understanding of Demand, Priority Challenges, and Partnership Opportunities on Agricultural Methane – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

Organized by IFAD (Sponsor)

- **Jahan-Zeb Chowdhury** (Sponsor) [EN \(Virtual\)](#)
Lead Technical Specialist, Environment, Climate, Gender and Social Inclusion Division, IFAD
 - **Dr Christine Baes** [EN](#)
Professor and Associate Dean of External Relations, University of Guelph
 - **Dr Nikita Eriksen-Hamel** [EN](#)
Deputy Director, Policy and Practice, Food Systems and Nutrition Division, Global Affairs Canada
 - **Gabriela Mora-Mora** [SP \(Virtual\)](#)
Researcher, Livestock and Climate Change, INTA Costa Rica
 - **Fernando Barrera Arenas** [SP \(Virtual\)](#)
Technical Specialist, IICA Chile
 - **Hayden Montgomery** [EN \(Virtual\)](#)
Program Director for Agriculture, Global Methane Hub
 - Moderator: **Brooke Jamison** (Sponsor) [EN](#)
Chief of the Americas Liaison Office, IFAD
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11h15 - 12h30

Workshop 1.2. Sustainable Food Systems as a National Security Strategy: Lessons from Mexico's Legal Framework – Hydro-Quebec Amphitheatre (ADJ-2530)

Organized by Chaire de recherche en droit sur la diversité et la sécurité alimentaire, Université Laval (Sponsor)

- **Dra María Victoria Fernández** [SP \(Virtual\)](#)
Investigadora, Academia Interamericana de Derechos Humanos (Academia IDH), Coahuila, México
- **Dr Diego Montenegro** [SP](#)
Country Representative, IICA Mexico
 - Moderator: **Dre Geneviève Parent** [FR](#)
Professeure titulaire, Faculté de droit; Titulaire, Chaire de recherche en droit sur la diversité et la sécurité alimentaire, Université Laval

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Workshop 1.3. La politique bioalimentaire du Québec : un véhicule de collaboration et d'actions concertées – (ADJ-2320)

Organized by MAPAQ

- **Renée Lalancette** [FR](#)
Directrice, Secrétariat de la Politique bioalimentaire, MAPAQ
- **Mustapha Eddib** [FR](#)
Coordonnateur du Plan d'agriculture durable 2020-2030, MAPAQ
- **Éric Guillemette** [FR](#)
Directeur adjoint - Direction Aménagement et mise en valeur du territoire, MAPAQ
- **Josiane Garneau** [FR](#)
Directrice, Développement des entreprises de transformation alimentaire et des produits, MAPAQ
 - Moderator: **Yvon Doyle** [FR](#)
Sous-ministre adjoint, Ministère de l'agriculture, des pêcheries et de l'alimentation du Québec (MAPAQ)

12h30 - 13h30

Lunch

13h30 - 14h45

Workshop 2.1. Restoring to Produce: How Sustainable Livestock Systems Can Regenerate Landscapes, Strengthen Communities, and Build Climate Resilience – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

Organized by TeleGAN

- **Sarahi Arévalo** [SP](#)
Livestock producer, TeleGAN beneficiary, Guatemala
- **Karli Reimer** (Sponsor) [EN](#)
National Head, Agricultural Industry Relations, Ducks Unlimited Canada
- **Dominique Dumas** [FR](#)
Quebec Rancher, À l'Herbe! Bouvillons de pâturage
- **Enrique Murgueitio** [SP \(Virtual\)](#)
Executive Director, Centro para la Investigación en Sistemas Sostenibles de Producción Agropecuaria (CIPAV), Colombia
 - Moderator: **Dr Alain Olivier** [FR](#)
Professor of Agroforestry, Université Laval

13h30 - 14h45

Workshop 2.2. Identifying and Mitigating Vulnerabilities in the Food System – Hydro-Quebec Amphitheatre (ADJ-2530)

- **Dr Jessie Greene** [EN](#)
Lead Investment Officer, FinDev Canada
- **Marie-Anne Champoux-Guimond** [EN](#)
Director, Sustainability and Public Affairs, Keurig Dr Pepper Canada
- **Dr Eli Sawadogo** [FR](#)
Responsable du chantier d'avenir en sécurité alimentaire, Université Laval
- **Dr Nikita Eriksen-Hamel** [EN](#)
Deputy Director, Policy and Practice, Food Systems and Nutrition Division, Global Affairs Canada

- Moderator: **Dr Evan Fraser** [EN](#)
Executive Director, Arrell Food Institute, University of Guelph

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Workshop 2.3. Leading the Future with Emotional Intelligence – Training in Emotional Literacy – (ADJ-2320)

Organized by Food Processing Skills Canada

- **Dr Lisette Reyes-Paulino** [EN](#)
Global Learning Strategist, Co-Founder and Chief Experience Research and Design Officer, WYSED
- **Raja Hatoum** [EN](#)
Leadership Facilitator, Founder of Elite Compass Services Corp.

14h45 - 15h15

Networking Break

15h15 - 16h00

Plenary 3: International Year of the Women Farmer – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

- **Kallie Wood** (booth sponsor) [EN](#)
President and CEO, National Circle for Indigenous Agriculture and Food (NCIAF)
- **Marlen Rubio D'Arce** [SP](#)
Programs Director, Heifer Mexico
- **Jennifer Wright** [EN](#)
Executive Director, Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council – CAHRC
- **Véronique Guizier** [FR](#)
Présidente, Agricultrices du Québec
 - Moderator: **Stéphanie Levasseur** [EN](#)
1^{re} vice-présidente générale de l'Union, Union des producteurs agricoles

16h00 - 16h50

Plenary 4: Fireside Chat. The Future of Agriculture and Agri-Food in the Americas – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

- **Dr Muhammad Ibrahim** [EN](#)
Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture
- **Keith Currie** [EN](#)
President, Canadian Federation of Agriculture
- **Luc Bourgeois** (Sponsor) [EN](#)
Lead, Stewardship Compliance & Digital, Regulatory Science, Bayer Crop Science Canada
 - Moderator: **Anna Toness** (Sponsor) [EN](#)
Senior Advisor, Agrifood Systems & Rural Development, Inter-American Development Bank

16h50 - 17h00

End of Day1: Remarks – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

Dr Jean-Charles Le Vallée [EN/FR](#)

Country Representative, IICA Canada, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture

17h00 - 18h45

Reception

Sponsored by Protein Pact

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 2026

08h00 - 08h15

Welcome Back – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

- **Dr. Jean-Charles Le Vallée** (Forum MC) [EN/FR](#)
Country Representative, IICA Canada, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture
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08h15 - 09h00

Plenary 5: Americas AgTrade Integration and Diversification – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

- **Dr Muhammad Ibrahim** [EN](#)
Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture
 - **Nimal Amitirigala** [EN](#)
CEO, Grace Foods
 - **Tom Rosser** (Sponsor) [EN](#)
ADM, MISB, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
 - **H.E. Carlos Manuel Joaquín González** [SP \(Virtual\)](#)
Ambassador of Mexico to Canada
 - Moderator: **Marie-Claude Francoeur** [FR](#)
Sous-ministre adjointe aux relations avec les Amériques et l'Indo-Pacifique
Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie, Québec
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09h00 - 10h15

Workshop 3.1. AgTrade with the Caribbean – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

- **Dhaneshwar Deonarine** [EN](#)
Director General, Ministry of Agriculture
Cooperative Republic of Guyana
- **Vivion Scully** [EN](#)
CEO, AgrolInvest Corporation
Jamaica
- **Nimal Amitirigala** [EN](#)
CEO, Grace Foods
 - Moderator: **H.E. Samuel Berridge** [EN](#)
High Commissioner to Canada, St Kitts and Nevis

09h00 - 10h15

Workshop 3.2. AgTrade with Central America – Hydro-Quebec Amphitheatre (ADJ-2530)

- **Hon. Moisés Abraham Molina Guillén** [SP](#)
Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería, Honduras
- **H.E. Guisela Godínez** [SP](#)
Ambassador to Canada for Guatemala
- **H.E. Germán Serrano** [SP](#)
Ambassador to Canada for Costa Rica
 - Moderator: **Gerardo Almaguer** [SP](#)
President and CEO, Développement international Desjardins

09h00 - 10h15

Workshop 3.3: AgTrade with Colombia – (ADJ-2320)

- **Juan Pablo Higuera** [SP](#)
President Cannexion Corporation
- **María Helena Latorre** [SP \(Virtual\)](#)
Executive Director Cámara Procultivos, ANDI
- **Juan Carlos Hurtado** [SP \(Virtual\)](#)
Owner and CEO, Ganadería Toscana & Gelato Artesanal Jersey's
- **Arnulfo Trujillo** [SP \(Virtual\)](#)
Executive Director, Colombian Grain Growers Federation, FENALCE
 - Moderator: **H.E. Carlos Arturo Morales** [SP](#)
Ambassador to Canada for Colombia

10h15 - 10h45

Networking Break

10h45 - 11h15

Plenary 6: Canadian and Global Agri-Food Markets Keynote – Grand Salon (POL-2244)*Organized by Farm Credit Canada (Sponsor)*

- **Craig Johnston** (Sponsor) [EN](#)
Vice-President, Chief Economist, Farm Credit Canada

11h15 - 12h00

Plenary 7: From Fragmentation to Alignment: Repositioning Sustainability Standards as Pre-Competitive Infrastructure – Grand Salon (POL-2244)*Organized by the Canadian Produce Marketing Association (Sponsor)*

- **David McInnes** [EN](#)
Founder & Lead, Collaborative Ag-food Advisory Group
- **Daniel Duguay** (Sponsor) [EN](#)
Senior Director, Sustainability, CPMA

12h00 - 13h00

Box Lunch

13h00 - 13h45

Plenary 8: AI for All Producers, Big and Small and Across Borders – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

Organized by CAAIN (Sponsor)

- **Soulaf Slaoui** (Booth Sponsor) [EN](#)
Director, Acceleration Programs, Zone Agtech
 - **Carla Berquo** (Sponsor) [EN](#)
Director, Canada's Food and Agri-Tech Engine, Bioenterprise Canada
 - **Federico Bert** [EN](#)
IICA AgTech Lead for the Americas, IICA Office in Argentina
 - **Nico Coallier** [EN](#)
Beekeeper, Chief Technology Officer & Partner, Nectar Technologies
 - Moderator: **Darrell Petras** (Sponsor) [EN](#)
CEO, CAAIN
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13h45 - 14h30

Plenary 9: Continuous Improvement in Animal Agriculture: Driving Food Security and Sustainability from North American Farms to Global Markets – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

Organized by PROTEIN PACT (Sponsor)

- **Leaya Amey** [EN](#)
Senior Manager, Sustainability, Maple Leaf Foods Inc
 - **Nick Gardner** [EN](#)
Senior Vice President for Multilateral Affairs, US Dairy Export Council (USDEC)
 - **Edwin Botero** [EN](#)
CEO, SuKarne USA
 - **René Roy** [FR](#)
Quebec Pork Producer & Chair, Canadian Pork Council
 - Moderator: **Sarah Little** [EN](#)
Vice President of Communications, Meat Institute
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14h30 - 14h45

Networking Break

14h45 - 15h30

Plenary 10: Food Security and Innovation – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

Organized by CROPLIFE Canada (Sponsor)

- **Ian Affleck** [EN](#)
Vice-President, Plant Biotechnology, CropLife Canada
- **Dr Edel Pérez López** [EN](#)
Associate Professor, Phytology Department, Université Laval
 - Moderator: **Cami Ryan** [EN](#)
Senior Business Partner, Industry Affairs and Sustainability, Bayer CropScience Canada

15h30 - 16h15

Plenary 11: Science, Innovation and New Partnerships – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

Organized by PROCINORTE (Partner)

- **Diana Iglesias** (Sponsor) [EN](#)
Innovation and Program Director, Génome Québec
- **Dr Jessica Agnew** [EN](#)
Director, Global Agricultural Productivity (GAP) Initiative, and Associate Director of CALS Global, Virginia Tech
- **Dr John Crowley** (Sponsor) [EN](#)
Managing Director, AbacusBio Canada
 - Moderator: **François Chrétien** [EN](#)
Director of Research, Development and Technology at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

16h15 - 16h30

Wrap-up, Takeaways, 2027 Forum Out West! – Grand Salon (POL-2244)

- **Dr Jean-Charles Le Vallée** (Forum MC) [EN/FR](#)
Country Representative, IICA Canada, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture
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