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**IICA 2026 Americas Agriculture Forum- Food Security as National Security  
Université Laval, Quebec City, Canada**

MONDAY, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

<b>Time (EDT)</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Speaker / Moderator</b>
08h00 - 08h20	Opening Ceremony and Land Acknowledgement Grand Salon (POL-2244)	Dr Jean-Charles Le Vallée (Forum MC) Country Representative, IICA Canada Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture Dr Geneviève Parent (TBC, co-host) Professeure titulaire, Faculté de droit Titulaire, Chaire de recherche en droit sur la diversité et la sécurité alimentaire, Université Laval Elder (TBC) First Nation
08h20 - 08h45	Opening Remarks Grand Salon (POL-2244)	Premier Ministre du Québec (TBC/MRIF)  Dr Muhammad Ibrahim (TBC) Director General Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture The Honourable Heath MacDonald (TBC) Minister Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Dr Sophie d'Amours (TBC) (Sponsor) Rectrice Université Laval Dr Denis Roy (TBC) (Sponsor) Doyen, Faculté des sciences de l'agriculture et de l'alimentation Université Laval

<p>08h45-09h15</p>	<p>Opening Session Restoring Land, Restoring Hope Grand Salon (POL-2244)</p>	<p>Erin Gowriluk (TBC) Vice-President International Grain Trade Coalition Yasmine Fouad (TBC) UN Under-Secretary-General   UNCCD Executive Secretary Dr Muhammad Ibrahim (TBC) Director General Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture The Honourable Heath MacDonald (TBC) Minister Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada</p>
<p>09h15 - 10h05</p>	<p>Setting the Stage - Plenary 1 Food Security as National Security (TBC) Grand Salon (POL-2244)</p>	<p>Dr Geneviève Parent, Moderator (TBC) (Sponsor) Professeure titulaire, Faculté de droit Titulaire, Chaire de recherche en droit sur la diversité et la sécurité alimentaire, Université Laval Dr Guillaume Lhermie (TBC) Professor, Animal Health Economics and Policy Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Calgary Stephen Heckbert (TBC) Executive Director Canadian Pork Council Karim Stéphane Mansouri (TBC) Directeur Canada OCP North America Alison Sunstrum (TBC) Managing Partner, Nya Ventures AgTech Venture Partner, Builders VC Dr Anessa Kimball (TBC) Professeure titulaire, Département de science politique, Faculté des sciences sociale, Université Laval</p>
<p>10h05 - 10h30</p>	<p>Networking Break Grand Salon (POL-2244) - beverages Atrium Jean-Guy Paquet (ADJ-1599A) - booths</p>	
<p>10h30 - 11h15</p>	<p>Plenary 2 The AgriConnect Global Initiative (TBC) Grand Salon (POL-2244)</p>	<p>Diego Arias, Moderator (TBC) Practice Manager, Agriculture and Food The World Bank Group Dr Muhammad Ibrahim (TBC) Director General Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture The Honourable Floyd Green (TBC) Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining Jamaica</p>

		<p>Columba López Gutiérrez (TBC) Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development Mexico Organized by WB</p>
	<p>Workshop 1.1 Legislative Advances in the Right to Food: The Case of Mexico (TBC) Grand Salon (POL-2244)</p>	<p>Dr Geneviève Parent, Lead (TBC) (Sponsor) Professeure titulaire, Faculté de droit Titulaire, Chaire de recherche en droit sur la diversité et la sécurité alimentaire, Université Laval ORGANIZED by DDSA (TBC) (Sponsor)</p>
11h15 - 12h30	<p>Workshop 1.2 Training in Remote Sensing - Sustainable Livestock Production in the Americas (TBC) Hydro-Quebec Amphitheatre (ADJ-2530)</p>	<p>IICA Canada Lead (Roman + TICS Costa Rica), Guatemala farmer, Protein PACT, Canadian Cattle Association/CRSB (ALL TBC) Organized by TELEGAN (Sponsor)</p>
	<p>Workshop 1.3 Nourrir nos ambitions - Politique bioalimentaire du Québec 2025-35 (ADJ-2320)</p>	<p>Quebec's 10-year Food Policy ORGANIZED BY MAPAQ/MRIF (TBC)</p>
12h30 - 13h30	<p>Box Lunch in the Grand Salon (POL-2244) Visit Booths – in the Atrium Jean-Guy Paquet (ADJ-1599A)</p>	
	<p>Workshop 2.1 Plant Health/SPS/MRLs (TBC) Grand Salon (POL-2244)</p>	<p>ORGANIZED by CROPLIFE CANADA (TBC)</p>
13h30 - 14h45	<p>Workshop 2.2 International Development Session Hydro-Quebec Amphitheatre (ADJ-2530)</p>	<p>ORGANIZED by IFAD (TBC) Global Affairs Canada, FAO, FSPG? PS (TBC)</p>
	<p>Workshop 2.3 Emotional Intelligence Training Session (TBC) (ADJ-2320)</p>	<p>Leading the Future with Emotional Intelligence – Training in Emotional Literacy ORGANIZED by Food Processing Skills Canada (Sponsor)</p>
14h45 - 15h15	<p>Networking Break Grand Salon (POL-2244) - beverages Atrium Jean-Guy Paquet (ADJ-1599A) - booths</p>	

15h15 - 16h00	Plenary 3 Farmers' Panel (TBC) Grand Salon (POL-2244)	IICA US, Moderator (TBC) Country Representative, IICA US CFA/UPA, US AFB/NFU, MX/CNA, + NCI AF (ALL TBC)
16h00- 16h45	Plenary 4 Sustainability Standards (TBC) Grand Salon (POL-2244)	Organised by CPMA (Sponsor) + David McInnes, IISD?
16h45- 17h00	End of Day1 Remarks Reception Sponsor Grand Salon (POL-2244)	Remarks by PROTEIN PACT (Sponsor) Speaker (TBC)
17h00 - 18h45	Reception 5 à 7 @Booths Atrium Jean-Guy Paquet (ADJ-1599A)	Reception in Atrium (2 tickets per participant)

**VIP COCKTAIL DINNER begins at 19h00 (INAF, 10-minute walk, Venue TBC)**

TUESDAY, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Time (EDT)	Session	Speaker / Moderator
08h05-08h15	Welcome Back Grand Salon (POL-2244)	Dr. Jean-Charles Le Vallée (Forum MC) Country Representative, IICA Canada Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
08h15 - 09h00	Plenary 5 Americas AgTrade Integration and Diversification (TBC) Grand Salon (POL-2244)	François Gélinau, Moderator (TBC) Vice-recteur aux affaires internationales et au développement durable, responsable de l'EDI et de la philanthropie, Université Laval Dr Muhammad Ibrahim (TBC) Director General Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture Nimal Amitirigala CEO Grace Foods FINDEV (TBC) Ambassadors/High Commissioners, Mexico, Brazil? (TBC)
09h00-10h15	Workshop 3.1 AgTrade with Central America Grand Salon (POL-2244)	IICA Mexico Country Representative, Moderator (TBC) Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica (TBC)
	Workshop 3.2 AgTrade with South America Hydro-Quebec Amphitheatre (ADJ-2530)	CAFTA? Moderator (TBC) Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Argentina (TBC)
	Workshop 3.3 AgTrade with the Caribbean (ADJ-2320)	TFO? Moderator (TBC) Nimal Amitirigala CEO Grace Foods + CARICOM countries, e.g. Jamaica, Guyana, ECS (TBC)
10h15-10h45	Networking Break Grand Salon (POL-2244) Booths in Atrium Jean-Guy Paquet (ADJ-1599A)	
10h45-11h15	Plenary 6	Craig Johnston (TBC) Vice-President, Chief Economist Organised by FCC (Sponsor)

	Canadian and Global Agri-Food Market Trends (TBC) Grand Salon (POL-2244)	
11h15 - 12h00	Plenary 7 AgTech (TBC) Grand Salon (POL-2244)	Organised by CAIN (Sponsor) (+Zone AgTech, IICA Federico Bert TBC)
12h00 - 13h00	Box Lunch in the Grand Salon (POL-2244) Visit Booths – in the Atrium Jean-Guy Paquet (ADJ-1599A)	
13h00-13h45	Plenary 8 The Future of AG in the Americas Fireside Chat Grand Salon (POL-2244)	Pedro Martel, Moderator (TBC) Chief, Agriculture and Rural Development Division Inter-American Development Bank Dr Muhammad Ibrahim (TBC) Director General Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture Luke J. Lindberg/Michelle Bekkering (TBC) Deputy Under Secretary USDA Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs Canadian speaker (TBC) Sollio Agriculture? LAC speaker (TBC) TBC
14h00-14h45	Plenary 9 Grand Salon (POL-2244)	OPEN to SPONSOR – Génôme Québec ?
14h45-15h30	Plenary 10 Grand Salon (POL-2244)	OPEN to SPONSOR – One health? PROCINORTE?
15h30-15h45	Wrap-up, Takeaways 2027 Forum Out West! Grand Salon (POL-2244)	Dr Geneviève Parent (TBC) Professeure titulaire, Faculté de droit Titulaire, Chaire de recherche en droit sur la diversité et la sécurité alimentaire, Université Laval Dr Jean-Charles Le Vallée (Forum MC) Country Representative, IICA Canada Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture