



Tuesday, March 26

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. **Registration**

8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**

Elizabeth Mitcham, Director of the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Horticulture

9:00 a.m. **Keynote – Why Horticulture? Why Now?**

Emmy Simmons, Senior Adviser of the Global Food Security Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies

9:30 a.m. **Keynote Dialogue – Seizing Opportunities in Horticulture for Development**

Robert Bertram, Chief Scientist at USAID’s Bureau for Food Security

Elizabeth Mitcham, Director of the Horticulture Innovation Lab

Marco Wopereis, Director General of the World Vegetable Center

Emmy Simmons, Senior Adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies

10:30 a.m. **Networking Break**

11:00 a.m. **Working Along the Horticulture Value Chain for Women’s Economic Empowerment**

Moderated by Jan Middendorf, Associate Director for the Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab at Kansas State University

Amanda Crump, Teaching Professor at University of California, Davis

Janelle Larson, Associate Professor at Penn State University

Sarah Sahlaney, Director of Social and Behavior Change and Gender for ACDI/VOCA

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

12:30 p.m. **Spotlight – Growing the Trellis Fund from the Ground Up**

Peter Shapland, Independent consultant and Trellis Fund founder

Lauren Howe, UC Davis graduate student and Trellis Fund manager

Conference materials will be made available at <https://horticulture.ucdavis.edu/event/hort4dev>. Follow conference discussions and share your insights with [#Hort4Dev](#) on Twitter.

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1:00 p.m. **Targeting Youth Livelihoods in Horticulture**

Moderated by John Bowman, Senior Agricultural Advisor at USAID's Bureau for Food Security

Macani Toungara, Director of Program Development at TechnoServe

Mamadou Thiam, Chief of Party for the Horticulture Training and Services Center in Guinea for the Horticulture Innovation Lab

Lisa Lauxman, National Program Leader for USDA NIFA Center for International Programs

2:00 p.m. **Innovations and Challenges in Water Management for Nutrient-Dense Foods**

Moderated by Michael Tiboris, Global Water Fellow of the Chicago Council

Thomas Gerik, AgriLife Center Director and Professor for the Innovation Lab for Small Scale Irrigation at Texas A&M University

Debora Rivera, Chief of Party for MásRiego project for the Horticulture Innovation Lab

Abraham Salomon, Project Manager for Farmer-Led Irrigation Solutions in Uganda for UC Davis

3:15 p.m. **Poster Session and Networking Break**

Poster gallery with the latest horticulture for development research, presented by the Horticulture Innovation Lab's global network. See current research projects on p. 4.

4:00 p.m. **Leveraging Nutrition Impacts from Horticulture Research**

Rafael Flor, Director of YieldWise at The Rockefeller Foundation

Shibani Ghosh, Research Associate Professor for the Nutrition Innovation Lab at Tufts University

Jim Simon, Professor at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

Valerie Davis, Senior Technical Advisor at Catholic Relief Services

5:00 p.m. **Keynote – Making the Case: Pushing Policy for a Diverse Global Plate**

Kimberly Flowers, Director of the Humanitarian Agenda and Global Food Security Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. **Trellis Fund Evening Breakout Session**

Hamilton Room **Building Scientific and Organizational Capacity by Engaging Local Partners and Young Scientists**

- 5-minute presentations from a panel of in-country organizations and U.S. students who have participated in Trellis Fund projects
- Interactive discussion about lessons learned from these collaborations and ways to better build upon similar experiences in the future