



#Americas AgForum25

June 16 - 17, 2025
Olds College, Alberta, Canada



2025 Americas Agriculture and Food Security Forum on the margins of the G7 Leaders' Summit

Local time expressed is Mountain time

MONDAY, JUNE 16

08h15 - 08h30

Blessing Ceremony

- **Pam Piche-Lashmore** - Indigenous Elder
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08h30 - 09h05

Welcome & Opening Remarks

- **Jean-Charles Le Vallée** - Country Representative, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture [EN/FR](#)
 - **Manuel Otero** - Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
 - **Jason Hale** - Deputy Minister, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation
 - **Debbie Thompson** - President, Old College of Agriculture and Technology
 - **Gerardine Mukeshimana** - Vice President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (video)
 - Soul of Rurality Award Ceremony Presented to The **Honourable Senator Mary Robinson**
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09h05 - 10h00

Leaders Panel: Cultivating Tomorrow's Agriculture Today

- **Manuel Otero** - Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture [SP](#)
 - **Tom Rosser** - Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Agrifood Canada MacDonald
 - **Zulfikar Mustapha**, Minister of Agriculture of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana (online)
 - Moderator: **Tyler McCann**, Managing Director, Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute
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10h00 - 10h20

Networking Break

10h20 - 10h50

Feeding the Future Together: Innovation, Investment, and Global Food Security

Panel organized by Farm Credit Canada

- **Justine Hendricks** - President & CEO, Farm Credit Canada
 - **Alison Sunstrum** - Founder & CEO, CNSRV-X Inc
 - Moderator: **Robert Hunter** - CEO, Protein Industries Canada
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10h50 - 11h10

Supporting Farmers Through Soil Data and Carbon Credits

Panel organized by Carbon Asset Solutions

- **Hamish MacDonald** - Managing Director, Carbon Asset Solutions
 - **Andrew Swain** - Chief Operating Officer, Carbon Asset Solutions
 - **Mackenzie Fingerhut** - Northern Alberta Grain Farmer, Fingerhut Farms Inc
 - Moderator: **Margaret Zeigler** - Country Representative, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
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11h10 - 11h30

Leading Ag Innovation in South America

Panel organized by PROCISUR

- **Silvia Massruhá** - President of Embrapa & President of PROCISUR [PR](#)
 - **Miguel Sierra** - President of the Board of Directors, INIA Uruguay (online) [SP](#)
 - **Nicolás Bronzovich** - President of the Board of Directors, INTA Argentina (online) [SP](#)
 - **Carlos Furche** - National Director, INIA Chile, PROCISUR (online) [SP](#)
 - Moderator: **Sibelle Silva** - Advisor to the President, Embrapa [PR/SP](#)
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11h30 - 12h00

Reimagining Engagement with Canada's Rapidly Growing FoodTec Sector

Panel organized by Canadian Food Innovation Network

- **Karen Churchill** - President and CEO, Ag-West Bio
 - **Scott Exner** - Partner, MLT Aikins
 - Moderator: **Dana McCauley** - CEO, Canadian Food Innovation Network
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12h00 - 13h00

Indigenous Lunch

Lunch co-sponsored by Canadian Centre for Food Integrity and partnered by: Nihkhah

- Words of Chef **Steph Baryluk**
 - Guest speaker (12h35-12h50)
Lisa Bishop-Spencer - Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Food Integrity
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13h00 - 13h45

Cultivating a Climate for a Food Secured Future

Panel organized by Canada Grain Council and CropLife Canada

- **Doaa Abdel Motaal** - Senior Counsellor, World Trade Organization (online)
 - **Jake Leguee** - Managing Partner of Leguee Farms & Chair of the SaskWheat Development Commission
 - **Antoine Bernet** - Country Division Head, Bayer Crop Science Canada
 - Moderator: **Erin Gowriluk** - President, Canada Grains Council
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13h45 - 14h30

Global Agriculture Trade and Integration

- **Jean-Charles Le Vallée** - Country Representative, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
 - **Gloria Abraham** - International Trade & Regional Integration Advisor, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (online) [SP](#)
 - **Anabel González** - Vice President, Inter American Development Bank (video)
 - **Tomás Abadía** - President & CEO, IADIC International (online) [SP](#)
 - Moderator: **Michael Harvey** - Executive Director, Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance
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14h30 - 15h00

North American Trade and Markets Discussion

- **Carlos Manuel Joaquín González** - Mexico's Ambassador to Canada (video)
 - **Steve Tipman** - Executive Director, Trade Facilitation Office Canada
 - **Mary Ellen Smith** - Agricultural Minister Counselor, United States Department of Agriculture, U.S. Embassy in Canada
 - Moderator: **Tom Rosser** - Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
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15h00 - 17h30

Olds College Smart Farm Tour

Organized by Olds College

Registration is required

17h30 - 18h45

Reception

Reception co-sponsored by Protein Industries Canada and Farm Credit Canada

Keynotes:

- **Robert Hunter** - CEO, Protein Industries Canada
 - **Justine Hendricks** - President & CEO, Farm Credit Canada
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TUESDAY, JUNE 17

07h30 - 07h35

Welcome Back

- **Jean-Charles Le Vallée** - Country Representative, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
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07h35 - 08h30

Health Living Soils and Water Sustainability Across the Americas

- **The Honourable Senator Rob Black** - Senate of Canada
 - **Rattan Lal** - Ohio State University (online)
 - **Fernando Schwanke** - Director of Projects, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture [SP](#)
 - Moderator: **Ron Lemaire** - President, Canadian Produce Marketing Association
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08h30 - 09h15

Sustainable Livestock Production

Panel organized by TeleGAN

- **Josefina Méndez Gómez** - Youth Leader & Indigenous Female Rancher (online) [SP](#)
 - **Martha Amelia Melgar** - Dairy Farmer & President of the Guatemalan Jersey Association (online) [SP](#)
 - **Germán Serrano** - President, Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (online) [SP](#)
 - **Ryan Beierbach** - Vice President, Canadian Cattle Association
 - Moderator: **Vivian Argüelles** - Telegan Lead, Inter-American Inst for Cooperation on Agriculture [SP/EN](#)
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09h15 - 10h00

Fueling Canadian AgTech: Support for Development and Commercialization

Panel organized by CAAIN

- **Martin Vetter** - Senior Vice-President, Verdex Capital
 - **Joanna Preston** - Director, Technology Transfer Services, University of Alberta
 - **Laura Mock** - Director, Cultivator Powered by Conexus
 - **Al Schaefer** - President, Animal Inframetrics
 - Moderator: **Darrell Petras** - CEO, Canadian Agri-Food Automation and Intelligence Network
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10h00 - 10h30

Networking Break



10h30 - 11h15

Fostering Food Security and Impact Results

- **Nikita Eriksen-Hamel** - Deputy Director, Food Systems and Nutrition Division, Global Affairs Canada
 - **Santiago Alba** - Vice President, International Development Research Centre
 - **Valeria Piñeiro** - Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, International Food Policy Research Institute (online)
 - Moderator: **Jean Roxas** - International Consultant
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11h15 - 12h15

Voice of Farming

- **Kallie Wood** - President & CEO, National Circle for Indigenous Agriculture and Food
 - **Keith Currie** - President, Canadian Federation of Agriculture
 - **James Flatt** - Tennessee Farmer, Flatt Rock Farms
 - **Jorge Esteve Recolons** - President, Mexico's Consejo Nacional Agropecuario (online)
 - Moderator: **Diego Montenegro** - Country Representative, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
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12h15 - 12h30

Wrap-up: Action Items, Take Aways, Next Forum

- **Todd Ormann** - Farmer, VP Research & Development, Old College of Agriculture and Technology
 - **Jean-Charles Le Vallée** - Country Representative, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
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