

November 4 – 6, 2019
Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, SK

Artificial Intelligence and Robotics in Agri-Food: A policy conference

Conference Agenda

DAY 1		Monday, November 4
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registration Desk	
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Welcome Reception Guest Speaker: The Honourable David Marit , Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Saskatchewan William Pascoe Room	
DAY 2		Tuesday, November 5
7:30 am – 8:15 am	Hot Breakfast Battleford Room	
8:15 am – 9:00 am	Moderated Session - Public Policy in the Agri-Food Innovation Space The Honourable Brad Wall , Strategic Advisor with Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, former Saskatchewan Premier (2007 to 2018) Battleford Room	
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Panel - How is Robotics Changing Agri-Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Brian Lynch, Research Scientist, Vineland • David Yee, Vice President of Operations, Saskatchewan, Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute Battleford Room	
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Networking Break Battleford Room	
10:15 am – 11:00 am	Invited Speaker Robert Saik , CEO, DOT Autonomous Farm Solutions Battleford Room	
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Panel - How is AI Changing Agri-Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawn Trautman, Manager of Smart Agriculture and Food Innovation, Alberta Innovates • Dr. Ian Stavness, Department of Computer Science, University of Saskatchewan Battleford Room	
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Networking Luncheon Battleford Room	
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm	The Challenge of Adoption of New Technologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Vic Adamowicz, FRSC, Vice Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Life & Environmental Sciences, University of Alberta • Daved Meakin, Meakin Industrial Ag Corp • Leah Olson-Friesen, MBA, Director at Ag-West Bio and Intelliconn Battleford Room	

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Networking Break Battleford Room
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Panel - Key Successes and How they've Changed Agri-Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ken Jackson, CEO & Founder, Intelliconn • Dr. Stuart Smyth, Associate Professor, Industry Funded Research Chair in Agri-Food Innovation, University of Saskatchewan Battleford Room
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Networking Reception Battleford Room
DAY 3 Wednesday, November 6	
7:45 am – 8:30 am	Hot Breakfast Battleford Room
8:30 am – 9:15 am	Invited Speaker Dr. Parvin Mousavi , Professor, School of Computing, Queen's University Battleford Room
9:15 am – 10:30 am	Panel - Trends in AI and Robotics in Agri-Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Benki, Dean of Program Development, Agriculture , Olds College • Michael Gibbons, Co-Founder & Vice President Products, Provision Analytics Inc. • Jason White, Director of Operations, Sightline Innovation Inc. Battleford Room
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Networking Break Battleford Room
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Panel – Role of Stakeholders in AI & Robotics in Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Abdul Jalil, Assistant Deputy Minister, Western Economic Diversification Canada • Dr. Terry Fonstad, P.Eng., Associate Dean, Research & Partnerships, College of Engineering, University of Saskatchewan • Dr. Shannon Hood-Niefer, MBA, Vice President, Innovation and Technology, Saskatchewan Food Industry Development Centre Inc. Battleford Room
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Networking Luncheon Battleford Room
1:15 pm – 1:45 pm	Invited speaker Dr. Mary Buhr , Dean, College of Agriculture and Bioresources, University of Saskatchewan Battleford Room
1:45 pm – 2:30 pm	Agri-Food Chain as it Faces AI & Robotics The Honourable Dr. Grant Devine , former Saskatchewan Premier (1982 to 1991) Battleford Room
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Next Steps – Closing Session Serge Buy , Chief Executive Officer, Agri-food Innovation Council Battleford Room

November 1st, 2019