

Agri-Food Research and Innovation in Service of a Net-Zero Carbon Economy
October 25 – 26, 2021
Sheraton Conference Hotel (Queen Street)
Toronto ON

Preliminary Schedule at-a-Glance

Day 1 October 25th, 2021

8:00-9:00am	Breakfast
8:45 am	Opening remarks <i>Welcome attendees and provide introductory remarks regarding the relevance of this year's annual conference</i>
9:00-9:30am	Setting the stage <i>A provincial perspective on a sustainable agriculture</i>
9:30-10:15am	Presentation - Measuring the impact of agri-food on climate change <i>Reviewing international assessments of the projected effects of climate change</i>
10:15-10:30am	Break
10:30am-12:00pm	Panel #1 - Environmental sustainability of Canadian agriculture <i>Developing agri-environmental indicators to assess risks and a whole-of-farm framework to facilitate communication and reporting across various commodity-based programs</i>
12:00-1:30pm	Lunch and networking
1:30-2:15pm	Presentation - Food production in Canada <i>Discussing the current state of sustainable food production in Canada and rate of adoption of sustainable practices</i>
2:15-3:00pm	Presentation - Sustainable agriculture and growing needs for food <i>Leveraging exports, technology, other tools at our disposal to reduce the environmental costs of feeding a rapidly growing population</i>
3:00-3:15pm	Break
3:15-4:45pm	Panel #2 - Building resiliency and sustainability in the food system <i>Thinking comprehensively, from farm to fork, about Canada's food system in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.</i>
4:45-5:15pm	Day One Wrap up <i>Summary of key takeaways and their implications to our understanding of the role of agri-food research and innovation in Service a net-zero economy</i>
5:30 -7:00 pm	Networking Reception

Day 2 October 26th, 2021

8:00-9:00am	Breakfast
9:00-10:30am	Panel #3 - A circular agri-food system <i>Promoting collaboration across the sector to turn waste into valuable resources and create new economic opportunities.</i>
10:30-10:45am	Break
10:45-11:30am	Panel - Incentivizing clean growth in agri-food <i>Developing measures and benchmarks to encourage the adoption of robust environmental and sustainability practice.</i>
11:30am-12:00pm	Recap <i>Summary of key takeaways and their implications to our understanding of the role of agri-food research and innovation in Service a net-zero economy</i>
12:00pm	Conference ends