

2023 Spring Engagement Session April 25 – 26, 2023

Ottawa Delta Hotel, 101 Lyon Street

	DAY 1 - April 25, 2023
8:00 – 8:45 am	Networking Breakfast
9:00 am	Setting the Stage
9:15 am	Keynote Address
	Special guest
9:45 am	Presentation
	Impact of Agri-Food Research and Innovation on the Sector
	Dr. Charles Conteh, Professor, Public Policy and Management and
	Director, Niagara Community Observatory, Brock University
10:30 am	Nutrition Break
10:45 am	Presentation
	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Strategic Plan for Science
	Andrew Goldstein, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and Technology Agriculture,
	and Agri-Food Canada
	Panel Discussion - Agri-Science Research Clusters
	Andrea Brocklebank, Executive Director at Beef Cattle Research Council
	Canada's Beef Science Cluster
11:30 am	Daniel Ramage, General Manager, Swine Innovation Porc,
	Canadian Swine Research and Development Cluster
	Caroline Wilson, Interim Executive Director, Canadian Poultry Research Council,
	Poultry Science Cluster
12:15 pm	Networking Luncheon
1:00 pm	Panel Discussion
	Dr. Steve Webb, CEO at Global Institute for Food Security
	Other Speaker (TBC)
1:45 pm	Panel Discussion
	ISED funded Sector Initiatives Fund
	Dr. Patience Palmer, Program Manager, Canadian Agri-food Automation
	and Intelligence Network (CAAIN)
	Other Speakers (TBC)
2:30 pm	Networking Break
2:45 pm	Presentation
	Dr. Manal Bahubeshi, Vice President Research and Partnerships
	at Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
	Panel Discussion
3:30 pm	Dean's Council Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Sciences
	Speakers (TBC)

4:15 – 4:30 pm	Recap for the day
5:30 – 7:30 pm	Networking Cocktail Reception with Government Officials
	DAY 2 - April 26, 2023
8:00 –8:45 am	Networking Breakfast
8:45	Welcome to Day 2
9:00 am	Presentation/Panel Discussion
	How Genomics Tools, Techniques and Processes are Playing a Key Role
	in Enabling Research and Innovation within Canada's Agrifood Sector
	Mike Cey, President and CEO, Genome Prairie
	Other Speakers (TBC)
	Ryan Philippe, Director, Strategic Partnerships and Innovation, Genome Canada
	Moderator
10:00 am	Presentation
	Andrea Johnston, Assistant Deputy Minister for Innovation Canada -
	Innovation, Science and Economic Development
10:45 am	Networking Break
	Panel Discussion – Agri-Science Research Clusters
	Dr. Karen Churchill, President and CEO, Ag-West Bio
11:00 am	Diverse Field Crops Cluster
	Dr. Josh Cowan, Manager, Research & Innovation, Grain Farmers of Ontario and
	Vice President of the Canadian Field Crop Research Alliance
	Soybean, Oat and Corn Cluster
	Dr. Daryl Domitruk, Executive Director, Manitoba Pulse and Soybean Growers
	Canadian Pulse Science Research Cluster
	Presentation
11:45 am	Environment and Climate Change Canada
	Speaker (TBC)
12:30 pm	Networking Luncheon
1:15 pm	Update from the Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario (ARIO) and on the Alliance
	Agreement between the University of Guelph, ARIO and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture,
	Food and Rural Affairs
	Gregory Wootton, CAO and Assistant Deputy Minister, Research & Corporate Services, OMAFRA and
	Director of Research, Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario
2:15 pm	Presentation
	Wayne Thompson, Executive Director, Western Grain Research Foundation
	Panel Discussion – Agri-Science Research Cluster
	Canadian National Wheat Cluster
3:00 pm	Dr. Constance Chiremba, Research Program Manager, Saskatchewan Wheat Development
	Commission
	Other Speakers (TBC)
3:45 pm	Closing remarks