



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

for a Dialogue on

Enhancing Food Production, Gender Equality and Nutritional Security in a Changing World

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Food and nutritional insecurity continues to be a daily challenge for about one billion people around the world. Sustainable solutions to this challenge involve the use of more appropriate techniques, more equitable institutions, and more effective value chains linking producers and consumers. The Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (CIFSRF) supports applied agriculture and nutrition research projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. CIFSRF is a joint initiative of Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD). Projects are implemented through partnerships between Canadian and developing-country research organizations.

The objectives of the **Food Security Dialogue 2014** are to promote CIFSRF projects in Canada, provide a platform for learning exchange between CIFSRF and related projects in Canada, and to discuss the ways in which research can lead to action. The Dialogue will include keynote speakers, roundtable discussions, panels and technical sessions for presentation of selected papers and posters. A summary report and communication briefs of Dialogue proceedings will be produced. Selected presentations from the technical sessions will be considered for possible publication in a journal special issue or book.

You are encouraged to submit an abstract by 9 February 2014 for a selected paper or poster on one of the following four themes:

1. Sustainable agricultural systems -- agronomy, livestock systems, aquaculture and animal health within the broader context of sustainable agricultural systems.
2. Gender and livelihoods -- gender, social protection, and specialization vs. diversification of livelihoods.
3. Nutritional security -- relations between food, agriculture, health and nutrition.
4. Economics, value chains and policy -- micro-economic analysis, value chain and market studies, macro-level studies, quantitative and qualitative policy studies.

Submissions should include a title, authors' names and institutional affiliations, a summary of less than 200 words, and a biography of less than 100 words for the presenting authors. Submit abstracts by 9 February 2014 to:

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