

MEDIA ALERT

9 August 2024

MORE IMPACT ON FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

Australia's key food security event, the **Crawford Fund's annual conference**, on 13 August in the Great Hall, Parliament House Canberra brings together eminent international and Australian specialists to consider how to improve impact for food and nutrition security.

Food and Nutrition Security: Transformative Partnerships, Local Leadership and Co-Design will have over 350 attending to hear from specialists from Asia, the Pacific, Africa and Australia who have on the ground experience of projects that are having more impact, by-passing the traditional transfer of knowledge and skills and employing a next-generation approach: mutual learning, co-development, and sharing evidence, innovations, and technologies amongst partners.

9.00am **The Hon. Pat Conroy MP**, Minister for International Development and the Pacific, and Minister for Defence Industry and Capability Delivery will open

9.30am **Dr Ismahane Elouafi**, Executive Managing Director, **CGIAR**, will present the keynote, arguing it's time for a next-generation approach of genuine partnership to develop agricultural solutions to the interconnected climate, biodiversity loss, and health crises

3.45pm In conversation with **The Hon John Anderson AC, FTSE** Chair, The Crawford Fund and the keynote speaker on "Achieving Transformational outcomes" will be:

Dr Line Gordon, Director, Stockholm Resilience Centre and Professor in Sustainable Food Systems at Stockholm University

Karen Mapusua, Director, Land Resources Division, The Pacific Community

Professor Wendy Umberger, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research CIAR

Other speakers include:

Ms Anastasia Kawi, PNG National Agriculture and Quarantine Inspection Authority on an innovative partnership for better biosecurity in remote Torres Strait and PNG regions

Madonna Thomson, Aboriginal Biocultural Knowledge Holder and Practitioner on learnings from Australian indigenous projects

Dr Tran Thu Ha, Team Leader, Low Emission & Inclusive Agriculture, SNV on how incentivising the private sector in Vietnam rice sector for climate adaptation and mitigation

Professor Hampus Eriksson, Senior Scientist, **WorldFish Center** and Professor at University of Wollongong's Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security, a specialist on partnership models and research design.

