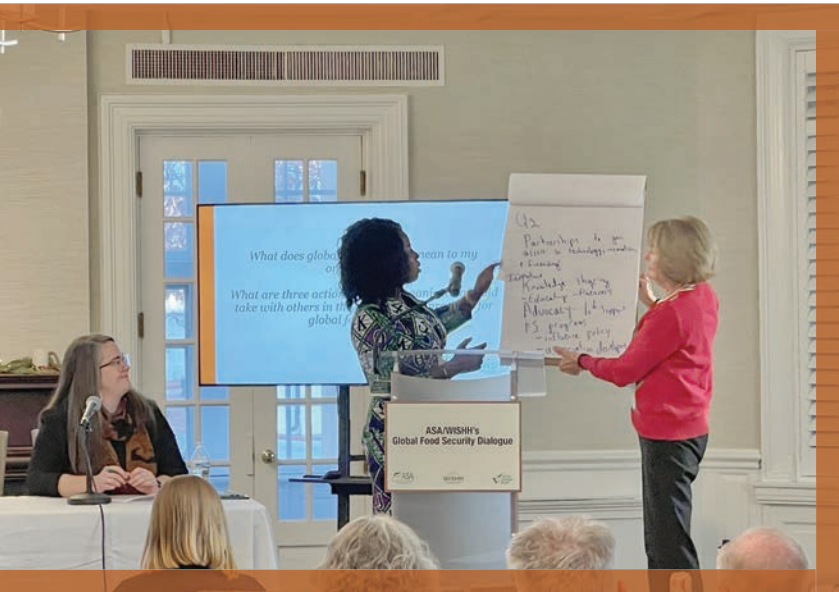


Summary Report

ASA/WISHH Take Action for Global Food Security Dialogue



December 13-14, 2023
U.S. Naval Academy,
Annapolis Maryland



Introduction

The American Soybean Association's World Initiative for Soy in Human Health appreciated the opportunity to convene its second **Take Action for Global Food Security Dialogue** on December 13-14, 2023, at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. The United Soybean Board supported WISHH's unprecedented program that brought together 16 U.S. soybean growers and state soybean organization staff with 35 global food security leaders from international, regional and U.S. agencies, academia, and importantly, food companies and organizations with the capacity to manufacture or deliver nutritious foods globally. Together, these representatives held the latest insights on global food security as well as the capacity to bring the power of protein to the world's growing population, including those who live in the most challenging environments.

Objectives

- Build on WISHH's "Take Action for Food Security Dialogue 2021" to explore new approaches and partnerships that can use soy for global food security.
- Lead a review of the global food security situation and the status of actions, including partnerships, since WISHH convened the previous program in December 2021.
- Increase awareness of the intersection between global food security and national defense.



WISHH Chair **Roberta Simpson-Dolbeare** welcomed and challenged attendees to jointly explore actions that the participants could take together to improve global food security. The Illinois soybean grower quoted President Abraham Lincoln in saying **"The best way to predict the future is to create it."**

To encourage open discussions, attendees followed the Chatham House Rules. Therefore, meeting participants, and this report, share information without revealing the person who made any specific comment.

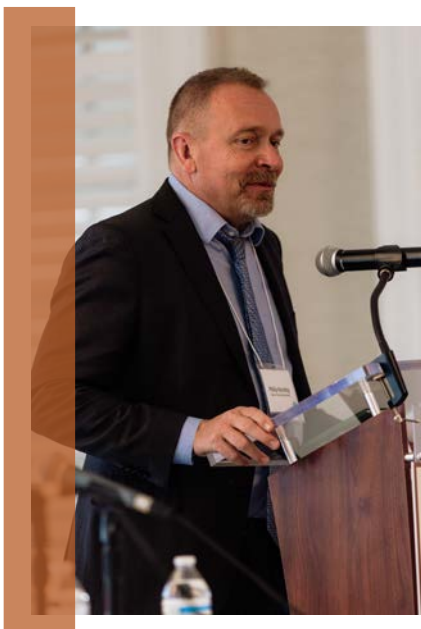
WISHH is deeply grateful to all speakers and participants. The ideas and inspiration shared at the program are valuable to chart a course of potential next steps. The conversations have only just begun!

Special thanks to World Food Program USA Senior Policy Consultant Jane Shey for her above-and-beyond support of the dialogue.



Vice Admiral U.S. Navy (retired) **Sean Buck** made the opening dinner keynote presentation on the connection between access to food and national security. Buck described the intersection of trade and freedom of the seas. He stressed the need for cooperation to maintain free and open trade. Attendees responded with numerous questions during and after the presentation.

A panel of four U.S. farmers shared why and how their organizations contribute to global food security. From left: United Soybean Board Chair **Steve Reinhard**, an Ohio soybean grower; Delaware diversified crop farmer and Growing Hope Globally participant **David Marvel**; WISHH Vice Chair **Morey Hill** and WISHH Executive Director **Gena Perry**. Not shown: Dairy Management Inc. Chair **Marilyn Hershey** who participated virtually.



Philip C. Karsting spoke on behalf of AGRA President **Agnes Kalibata** regarding the organization's efforts with public and private partners to ensure a food secure and prosperous Africa through rapid, inclusive, sustainable agricultural growth.



An important panel of international speakers shared what their companies or organizations are doing to contribute to global food security. Top photo from left: Yedent CEO **Samuel Kwame Ntim-Adu**, winner of Ghana's National Best Agro Processor Award; Rockland Poultry Farms CEO **Edith Wheatland**, winner of the U.S. Agency for International Development Feed the Future Accelerating Women Entrepreneurs Prize. Bottom photo from left: Fulbright Scholar and Associate Professor Lahore College for Women University **Shafaq Fatima, Ph.D.**; CTC Group Technical Sales Manager **Elsy Alvarez**, a Latin America-based food distributor; and moderator WISHH Chair **Roberta Simpson-Dolbeare**.

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service Associate Administrator **Brooke Jamison** described USDA's role in global food security and responded to a variety of questions from attendees.



USDA photo



FAO photo

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization Deputy Director General **Beth Bechdol** spoke virtually from her office in Rome regarding the increasing focus on public-private partnerships at FAO.

World Food Program USA Senior Director of Public Policy and Research **Chase Sova, PhD**, shared the current status of global food security in his presentation entitled: American Food as a Pathway to Global Peace.



Joanna Veltri, chief of the America's Liaison Office for the International fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) discussed IFAD's work and its increasing focus on public-private partnerships.





IICA photo

Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture Representative in the United States **Margaret Zeigler, PhD** discussed IICA's work in the Americas. Zeigler had just returned from the Conference of Parties in Dubai so gave highlights on the COP's relevance to agriculture.

Institute for Feed Education and Research Executive Director **Lara Moody** (on right) joins WISHH Senior Advisor **Karen Coble Edwards** in discussion about how her organization is developing new resources relative to feed sustainability and more.



WISHH Executive Director **Gena Perry** moderates a panel of global food security leaders who described how their organizations have taken action since WISHH's inaugural global food security dialogue in December 2021. From left: United Soybean Board Immediate Past Chair **Meagan Kaiser, Stephan L. Tubene, PhD**, professor at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and acting chair and lead of the 1890 Center of Excellence for Global Food Security and Defense; Tiger Soy Commercial Director **Adam Thomas**; Edesia Nutrition Vice President of Strategic Partnerships **Maria Kasparian** and **Perry**.



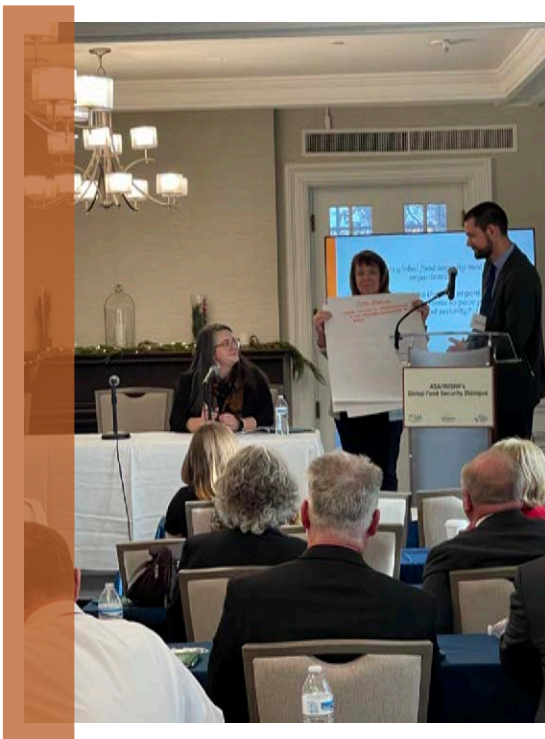
7 Breakout Discussion Groups

WISHH farmer leaders facilitated seven breakout groups to explore the following questions and then a representative of each group reported back to all.

1. What does global food security mean to my organization?
2. What are three actions that my organization could take with others in the room to pave progress for global food security?



WISHH Secretary **Craig Williams**, an Indiana soybean grower (left) leads a breakout group with contributions from attendees, including **Nicholas Romano, PhD**, a professor and extension specialist at Virginia State University.



WISHH Committee member **Dawn Scheier**, a South Dakota soybean grower, reports on breakout groups with **Chris Greene**, the CEO of Meds & Food for Kids.



North American Millers' Association's **Kim Cooper** and American Natural Processors CEO **Sam Jennett** share ideas from their breakout group.

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Attendees

Caitlyn Abbey, International Markets Specialist, Illinois Soybean Association
Tom Adam, Farmer Director, Iowa Soybean Association
Elsy Alvarez, Technical Sales Manager, CTC Group Global
Matt Amick, Director of Market Development, Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council
Kimberly Atkins, Director of Strategic Partnerships, U.S. Soybean Export Council
Nagesh Borse, PhD, Executive Director, Global Fund for Widows
Sean Buck, Vice Admiral US Navy (retired)
Judy Buddensick, Representative of Sean Buck, Frances Marketing Group
Kim Cooper, Director of Governmental Affairs, North American Millers' Association
Emily Dimiero, Director Federal Government Relations – Nutrition & Food Policy Strategy, Cargill
Karen Edwards, Senior Advisor, ASA/WISHH
Shafaq Fatima, PhD, Associate Professor and Fulbright Research Scholar, Lahore College for Women
Scott Gaffner, WISHH Program Committee, ASA/WISHH
Caron Gala, Government Affairs Director, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Chris Greene, CEO, Meds & Foods for Kids – Haiti
Stephanie Grunenfelder, Principal, Greenfield Strategies
Liz Hare, Strategic Advisor, ASA/WISHH
Marilyn Hershey, Chair, Dairy Management Inc
Morey Hill, WISHH Executive Committee, ASA/WISHH
David Hong, Senior Policy Advisor, Kyle House Group
Virginia Houston, Director of Government Affairs, American Soybean Association
Brooke Jamison, Associate Administrator, USDA Foreign Agricultural Services
Nicole Jennett, Director of Quality, American Natural Processors
Sam Jennett, CEO, American Natural Processors
Meagan Kaiser, Immediate Past Chair, United Soybean Board
Philip C. Karsting, Senior Policy Advisor, Olsson, Frank, and Weeda (AGRA)
Maria Kasparian, Vice President Strategic Partnerships, Edesia Nutrition
Douglas Kerr, Vice President Business Development, International Fertilizer Development Center
Diego Lara Lavarreda, Vice President US, GrainPro
Madison Layman, Demand & Market Development Manager, Ohio Soybean Council
David Marvel, Delaware Farmer, Growing Hope Globally
Shannon Maynard, Executive Director, Congressional Hunger Center
Tony Mellenthin, Director, United Soybean Board
Denny Mertz, WISHH Program Committee, ASA/WISHH
Lara Moody, Executive Director, Institute for Feed Education and Research
Samuel Ntim-Adu, Founder and CEO, Yedent Agro-Group
Julie Ohmen, CEO, Soy Nutrition Institute Global
Leila Payer, Program Coordinator, ASA/WISHH

Liz Payne, Government Affairs Director, Bunge
Gena Perry, Executive Director, ASA/WISHH
Tom Pesek, Senior Liaison Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Bryan Pride, Director of Technical Programs, Rise Against Hunger
Ryan Quinn, Senior Director, Advocacy and Coalitions, World Food Program USA
Steve Reinhard, Chairman, United Soybean Board
Nicholas Romano, PhD, Professor/Extension Specialist, Virginia State University
Dawn Scheier, WISHH Program Committee, ASA/WISHH
Vasit, Sagan, PhD, Professor of Geospatial Science, Saint Louis University
Jerry Schmitz, Executive Director, South Dakota Soybean Research and Promotion Council
Jane Shey, Senior Policy Consultant, World Food Program USA
Roberta Simpson-Dolbeare, Chair, ASA/WISHH
Chris Slemph, Africa Division Director, ASA/WISHH
Chase Sova, PhD, Senior Director of Public Policy and Research, World Food Program USA
Bob Suver, WISHH Program Committee, ASA/WISHH
Adam Thomas, Commercial Director, Tiger Soy
Charlie Townsend, Director of Strategic Engagement, KCE Public Affairs
Stephan Tubene, PhD, Lead of the 1890 Center of Excellence for Global Food Security, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Joanna Veltri, Chief Americas Liaison Office, International Fund for Agricultural Development
Becky Garrison Warfel, RDN, LD, Director of Public Policy, Nutrition, Food Systems and Food Safety, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
Edith Wheatland, Founder, Rockland Farms
Craig Williams, WISHH Executive Committee, ASA/WISHH
Margaret Zeigler, PhD, IICA Representative to the United States, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture

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