



AGENDA

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations North America, Food Tank, Driscoll's, Compass Group, the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University present

“World Food Day 2023 (Official Event): Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave Noone Behind.”

Monday, October 16, 2023
SFU Wosk Centre for Dialogue, ICBC Concourse and Salons
Vancouver, Canada

in collaboration with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Arrell Food Institute, The University of Guelph, Wholechain, and the Forum for Farmers and Food Security

Watch the video replay [HERE](#)

The event is the Official North America World Food Day 2023 event. All sessions are moderated by food and agriculture journalists.

The goal for this event is to highlight stories of hope and success in relation to the theme: Water is life. Water is food. Leave no one behind.

Water is essential to life on Earth. It covers the majority of the Earth's surface, makes up over 50 percent of our bodies, produces our food, and supports our livelihoods. But this precious resource is not infinite and is impacted by unsustainable food and agriculture systems.

For World Food Day 2023, Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave Noone Behind we will explore historical roots and stories of change in British Columbia and beyond as we look to a more nourishing future from land to sea.

The event will be free and by invitation-only, targeting key stakeholders including United Nations leadership, the non-profit community, policymakers, journalists, food businesses, the academic community, farmers, activists, individuals with lived experiences, and the funding and donor community.

This unified approach aims to have a significant impact as we move towards the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai.

Run of Show:

Monday, October 16th

12:30 PM PT. Doors Open. Complimentary Lunch.

Main Stage Program

1:00PM PT. Welcome Remarks.

- **Danielle Nierenberg**, Food Tank *Confirmed*
- **Dean Rickey Yada**, Faculty of Land and Food Systems, The University of British Columbia *Confirmed*

Welcome Video: Beth Bechdol, Deputy Director-General at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

1:10PM PT. Opening Fireside Chat (#1). Setting the Stage: Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave Noone Behind.

- **Tom Pesek**, Senior Liaison Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations *Confirmed*
- **Danielle Nierenberg**, President, Food Tank *Confirmed*

1:25PM PT. Panel Conversation #1: Creating a Blue Future for Food.

- **Claire Dawson**, Senior Manager, Fisheries and Seafood Initiative, Ocean Wise *Confirmed*
- **Mark Smith**, President and CEO, Pacific Seaweed Industry Association *Confirmed*
- **Paul Lansbergen**, President, Fisheries Council of Canada *Confirmed*
- **Saul Milne**, Strategic Advisor, Ha'oom Fisheries Society *Confirmed*
- Moderated by **Danielle Nierenberg**, President, Food Tank *Confirmed*

1:50PM PT. Panel Conversation #2: Generating Opportunities for Better Water Management for Food Systems

- **Rashid Sumaila**, Professor, University of British Columbia *Confirmed*
- **Dana-Lyn Mackenzie** (Hwlitsum First Nation), Senior Manager, EDI & Indigeneity and Board Member, RESEAU Centre for Mobilizing Innovation *Confirmed*
- **Jyoti Stephens**, Vice President of Mission and Strategy, Nature's Path *Confirmed*
- **L. Curtis Wong**, VP Partnerships & Development, Canadian Food Innovation Network *Confirmed*
- Moderated by **Danielle Nierenberg**, President, Food Tank *Confirmed*

2:15PM PT. Panel Conversation #3: Cultivating the Connections for Research and Partnership

- **Zafar Adeel**, Executive Director, Pacific Water Research Centre, Simon Fraser University *Confirmed*
- **Sean Smukler**, Director, The Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm, University of British Columbia *Confirmed*
- **Tammara Soma**, Research Director and Co-Founder, Food Systems Lab, Simon Fraser University *Confirmed*
- **Jennifer Silver**, Professor and Associate Chair, Geography, Environment and Geomatics, University of Guelph *Confirmed*
- Moderated by **Danielle Nierenberg**, President, Food Tank *Confirmed*

Video: Making Waves

2:40PM PT. Fireside Chat (#3). Building Environmental Resilience into Business.

- **Tannis Thorlakson**, Global Sustainability Director, Driscoll's *Confirmed*
- Moderated by **Danielle Nierenberg**, Food Tank *Confirmed*

3:05PM PT. Panel Conversation #4: Water Works: Ways the Private Sector is Transforming Water Use

- **Heather Wilkie**, EVP Business Transformation, Compass Group *Confirmed*
- **Stephanie Baryluk** (Teetl'it Gwich'in), Chef, Rooted Program, Simon Fraser University and Owner, Mrs B's Jerky *Confirmed*
- **Asha Wheeldon**, Founder and CEO, Kula Foods *Confirmed*
- **Royce Chwin**, President and CEO, Destination Vancouver *Confirmed*
- Moderated by **Alexandra Gill**, Food Journalist & Creative Director, Dine Like A Critic *Confirmed*

Video: World Food Day 2023

3:30PM PT. Panel Conversation #5: Making Youth Voices Heard on Water

- **Lizeth Ardila Ramírez**, MSc Integrated Studies in Land and Food Systems, UBC *Confirmed*
- **Dana James**, Post-doc, UBC *Confirmed*
- **Tiare Boyes**, Fish Harvester *Confirmed*
- **Lisa Kenoras**, Communications Coordinator, Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty *Confirmed*
- Moderated by **Danielle Nierenberg**, Food Tank *Confirmed*

3:55PM PT. Panel Conversation #6: Leading the Way: How Policymakers Can Improve Water Conservation in Food Systems

- **Connor Williamson**, Member, Canadian Food Policy Advisory Council *Confirmed*
- **Paul Kariya**, Senior Policy Advisor, Coastal First Nations *Confirmed*
- **Camil Dumont**, Education Manager, Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC *Confirmed*
- Councillor **Rebecca Bligh**, City of Vancouver *Confirmed*
- Moderated by **Elizabeth McSheffrey**, Journalist, Global News *Confirmed*

4:20PM PT. Host Final Remarks

- **Naomi Krogman**, Dean, Faculty of Environment SFU *Confirmed*

4:30PM-5:30PM PT. **Delicious Reception.**

Earlier in the day our partners at Arrell Food Institute and the University of Guelph will be hosting a panel discussion which will also be available via livestream (link available soon).

9:00AM-10:00AM PT (12:00PM-1:00PM EST).

Watch the video replay [HERE](#).

World Food Day 2023: Water is Food: Emerging Knowledge

Panel Conversation Live from the **University of Guelph**

For World Food Day on October 16th, the Arrell Food Institute is hosting a panel discussion which will discuss emerging research and insights into best practices, barriers and opportunities at the intersection of water and agri-food. The panel moderated by Evan Fraser will feature University of Guelph researchers Tongzhe Li, Hugh Simpson and Lawrence Goodridge.

- **Hugh Simpson**, Researcher, Morwick G360 Groundwater Research Institute, University of Guelph *Confirmed*
- **Lawrence Goodridge**, Leung Family Professorship in Food Safety in the Department of Food Science, University of Guelph *Confirmed*
- **Tongzhe Li**, Arrell Chair in Behavioural and Experimental Economics, University of Guelph *Confirmed*
- Moderated by **Evan Fraser**, Director, Arrell Food Institute at the University of Guelph *Confirmed*