

Report Recommends US Action to Advance Global Food Security in the Face of Climate Change

Report to be released at Chicago Council Global Food Security Symposium on May 22

May 12, 2014 – The Chicago Council on Global Affairs will release a new study recommending ways the United States can advance global food security in the face of climate change at a [full-day symposium](#) on May 22 in Washington, DC. The report puts forward a strategic plan for how the US government can leverage its research institutions, deploy development and trade tools, and engage with businesses to ensure there is enough nutritious food available globally. Advance embargoed copies of the report are available upon [request](#).

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change states that climate change could decrease food production by 2 percent each decade for the rest of this century. With population expected to grow to 9 billion people by 2050, without urgent action climate change may make it impossible for food production to keep pace with demand.

This event will be streamed live at YouTube.com/TheChicagoCouncil. Follow [@GlobalAgDev](#), [@ChicagoCouncil](#), and [#GlobalAg](#) for updates.

Who: **Symposium Co-chairs**
Douglas Bereuter, President Emeritus, The Asia Foundation
Dan Glickman, Former Secretary, US Department of Agriculture

Confirmed Keynote Speakers

The Honorable Susan E. Rice, US National Security Advisor
The Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary, US Department of Agriculture
The Honorable Rajiv Shah, Administrator, US Agency for International Development
Pamela K. Anderson, Director, Agricultural Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
John F. Ginascol, Vice President, Supply Chain, Abbott Nutrition

[Download the full symposium agenda](#) (PDF)

What: **Global Food Security Symposium 2014**
Advancing Global Food Security in the Face of Weather Volatility and Climate Change

When: **Thursday, May 22, 2014**
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
*Press check-in 7:30 a.m.
****Media RSVP Required.**** Advance RSVP required by 5:00 p.m. on May 21. RSVP to Samantha Skinner sskinner@thechicagocouncil.org or 312-821-7507. *If you are interested in bringing a camera, please let Samantha know.*

Where: **Ronald Regan Building**, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004

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About the Global Food Security Symposium

The Chicago Council Global Food Security Symposium has been convened annually since 2010 to identify opportunities for US leadership in alleviating hunger and poverty through agricultural development. The [2012 symposium](#) served as the platform of the G8 New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition and featured President Barack Obama, former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Bono, heads of state from Ethiopia, Ghana, Tanzania, and Benin, and numerous business leaders.

About The Chicago Council on Global Affairs

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