

May 21 Symposium to Urge a New U.S. Agenda for Global Food Security

The Chicago Council on Global Affairs to Release New Report on the Power of Science, Trade and Business in Advancing Global Food Security

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On May 21, 2013, leaders from science, government, business and civil society will convene at an all-day symposium to urge U.S. leadership in mobilizing science, increasing trade and capitalizing on the power of business to meet future food demand. At the symposium, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs also will release a new report, *Advancing Global Food Security: The Power of Science, Trade, and Business*, which puts forward four broad policy recommendations, composed of 21 specific actions to define the next steps for U.S. global food security policy. To request an embargoed report in advance email sskinner@thechicagocouncil.org.

WHAT: Global Food Security Symposium 2013

Capitalizing on the Power of Science, Trade, and Business to End Hunger and Poverty

This event will be live streamed at thechicagocouncil.org/livestream.

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WHEN: Tuesday, May 21

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Press Check-in at 7:15 a.m.*

WHERE: Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20004

**Symposium will be held in the Amphitheater*

WHO:

Symposium Co-chairs:

Catherine Bertini, former executive director, UN World Food Program;

Dan Glickman, former secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Confirmed Keynotes:

Dr. Helene D. Gayle, president and CEO, CARE;

Ms. Lauren Bush Lauren, CEO, creative director, and co-founder, FEED;

The Honorable Rajiv Shah, administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development;

The Honorable Tom Vilsack, secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture

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

Accreditation

Media representatives who wish to cover the symposium must apply to receive **a media credential**. Email sskinner@thechicagocouncil.org to apply. Applications for accreditation should be made no later than **noon, May 17**.

Partners

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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 speakers such as 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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