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## Join us for the first Forum event on March 2nd

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### Farms and Farmers of the Future

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**Moderator**

**Dr. John Dixon**, Adjunct Professor at the University of Queensland. Professor Dixon brings more than four decades of experience with agricultural research and sustainable development with FAO, the CGIAR, ACIAR Australia and several Universities in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

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***Farms and farmers of the future will be:  
Enabled with transformational technologies***

**Beth Bechdol**, Senior Deputy Director-General at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Ms. Bechdol is responsible for FAO's Partnership and Outreach work, including Partnerships and UN Collaboration, Resource Mobilization and Private Sector Partnerships, South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

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***Farms and farmers of the future will be:  
Productive and efficient in producing wholesome  
products***

**Dr. Rajendra Paroda**, former Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Government of India. He had been the founder Chairman of GFAR and Executive Secretary of APAARI, a regional forum, for over two decades.

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***Farms and farmers of the future will be:  
Sustainable and climate-smart***

**Dr. Dennis Garrity**, Systems Agronomist and research leader whose career has focused on improving small-scale farming systems in the tropics. He has been serving as Drylands Ambassador for the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, emphasizing the role of agroforestry, evergreen agriculture and landcare for sustainable land management. From 2001 to 2011, he served as Director General of the World Agroforestry Centre. He is currently Chair of the Board of the Global EverGreening Alliance and also chairs Landcare International, a worldwide effort to support grassroots community-based natural resource management.

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***Farms and farmers of the future will be:  
Informed and connected to markets***

**Dr. Louise Fox**, Senior Fellow in the Africa Growth Initiative (AGI), Brookings Institution, and formerly chief economist at USAID, visiting professor of development economic policy at the University of California, Berkeley, and various positions at the World Bank.

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The Forum will also include a series of special events to provide a deeper dive into each topic. All events are free but require registration.

## **Future forum themes**

- Innovations in Genetic Improvement of Agricultural Systems – beginning **May 4**

- Innovations in Post-Harvest Management – beginning **June 29**
- Innovations in Entrepreneurship, Especially Among Youth – beginning **August 24**
- Innovations in Information and Communication Technologies – beginning **October 19**
- Innovations in Scaling – beginning **December 14**

## **About the Global Agriculture Innovation Forum:**

The Global Agriculture Innovation Forum is a joint undertaking between USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service and Purdue University's Office of International Programs in Agriculture. The Forum will be valuable to entrepreneurs, producers, value-chain operators, service providers, and researchers, as well as donor agencies and implementing partners and will consist of a series of virtual events held throughout 2021.

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