

**Annual FTF Innovation Lab Council Meeting
September 18, 2024
Omni Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008**

Translating Research to Action: Innovation Lab Influence in Policy and Program design for effective scaling

Agenda

8:00-8:30 am	Registration and Breakfast
8:30-9:00 am	Opening session Welcome Remarks Jerry Glover, Deputy Director, Center for Agriculture, Bureau for Resilience, Environment and Food Security Shibani Ghosh, IL Council Chair, Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab
9:00-10:15 am	Session 1: USAID and Innovation Lab theory of change in achieving global food security The objective of this session will be to initiate discussions on the theory of change as outlined in the current Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS) and Global Food Security Research Strategy (GFSRS). The session will commence with a keynote presentation followed by an expert panel discussion Invited Speaker: Thomas Jayne, Michigan State University Panel discussion Rob Bertram (USAID) Peter Goldsmith (Soybean Innovation Lab) David Tschirley (Food Security Policy Research Capacity and Influence Lab) Shibani Ghosh (Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab)
10:15- 11:00 am	Coffee Break and Gallery Walk Remarks by Sarah Rose, Sr. Advisor for Localization, USAID Administrator's Office



	Gallery walk (17 posters display), networking and discussion on locally led development
11:00-12:00 noon	<p>Session 2: What is the role of localized research in driving collaborative learning?</p> <p>Moderator: Jessica Bagdonis, USAID Bureau for Resilience, Environment and Food Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the role of localization in achieving change and driving learning? • How do we organize our work from the beginning to increase learning across labs, and how do we move to more collaborative, inter-disciplinary work? <p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Erin McGuire, Horticulture Innovation Lab 2. Jared Crain, Climate Resilient Cereals Innovation Lab 3. Haley Oliver, Food Safety Innovation Lab 4. Gina Rico-Mendez, Fish Innovation Lab
12:00-12:05 pm	Remarks by Deputy Assistant Administrator Ann Vaughn
12:05-1:00 pm	Lunch and Gallery Walk
1:00- 2:00 pm	<p>Session 3: Mutual accountability and actions to support transformative action within the context of governments</p> <p>Moderator: Erin McGuire, Horticulture Innovation Lab</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What forms of evidence sharing is likely to lead to transformative action by governments? • How do we as Labs hold ourselves and our stakeholders mutually accountable to support goals of high-level food security and nutrition goals? • How have research and capacity building activities supported host country actions (policy and/or programmatic action)? <p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robin Shrestha, Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab 2. Katrin Kuhlmann, New Markets Lab and Georgetown University Law Center 3. Stephen Reichley, Fish Innovation Lab 4. Madina Guloba, EPRC Uganda, Food Security PRCI Lab



<p>2:00-2:30 pm</p>	<p>Special Panel: Government Engagement - Center of Excellence for Sustainable Agricultural Intensification and Nutrition, Royal University of Agriculture, Cambodia</p> <p>Opening Remarks: Vara Prasad, Sustainable Intensification Lab</p> <p>Panel Moderator: Lyda Hok, CESAIN</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Chan Sovuth, Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia, 2. H.E. Suon Serey, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia, 3. H.E. Dr. Bunthan Ngo, Rector, Royal University of Agriculture, Cambodia
<p>2:30 - 3:50 pm</p>	<p>Session 4: Global Partnerships, Linkages and Collaborations</p> <p>Moderator: Ahmed Kablan, Senior Science Advisor, USAID REFS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the opportunities for global partnerships and collaborations? • How are we engaging with the broader community within our respective disciplines? • What are avenues for future engagement? <p>Opening Remarks: Ann Vaughn, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Resilience, Environment and Food Security</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. David Hughes, Current and Emerging Threats Innovation Lab and Jocelyn Brown Hall, FAO North America 2. Shakuntala Thilsted, One CGIAR and FTF Labs partnerships 3. Purnima Menon, IFPRI 4. Shibani Ghosh, Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab 5. Jeffrey Herrick, US Department of State, Office of the Special Envoy for Global Food Security
<p>3:50-4:10 pm</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>4:15 - 5:15 pm</p>	<p>Session 5: Private sector engagement</p> <p>Moderator: John Medendorf, Legumes Innovation Lab</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How effective are Innovation Lab interactions with private sector • What are the risks in engaging with private sector? • What are the avenues for sustainability (i.e. post program/Lab exit)



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	<p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Barry Pittendrigh, Legume Systems Innovation Lab2. Jessica Marter- Kenyon, Peanut Innovation Lab3. David Hughes, PlantVillage+, Current and Emerging Threats Innovation Lab4. Peter Goldsmith, Soybean Innovation Lab
5:15- 5:30 pm	<p>Closing Remarks- Shibani Ghosh, outgoing IL Council Chair, Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab</p> <p>Looking forward to the next year – David Tschirley, incoming IL Council Chair, Food Security Policy Research Capacity and Influence Lab</p>