

**CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Food Safety, Security, and Defense:**  
**Focus on Food and Water**  
**October 20–23, 2013**  
**University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, U.S.**

**Food Safety, Security, and Defense (FSSD)**, identified by participating governments, international organizations, and the private sector as major policy priorities, will be the topic of a new series of invitation-only conferences to be convened by the Institute on Science for Global Policy (ISGP). The second FSSD conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, will focus on Food and Water and will be convened October 20–23, 2013, in partnership with the University of Nebraska. All ISGP conferences are conducted in “not-for-attribution” environments (Chatham House Rule).

This new series of ISGP conferences is devoted to linking scientifically credible understanding to the formulation and implementation of sound, effective domestic and international policies concerning the diverse aspects of the safety, security, and defense throughout our increasingly global food supply.

**FSSD: Food, and Water**

Each ISGP conference begins with caucus meetings, a reception, and dinner on a Sunday. The initial two days of the conference (Monday and Tuesday) focus on discussions and critical debates of the eight concise, policy position papers prepared and presented by internationally recognized scientists invited by the ISGP. Through both their papers and contributions to the debates, these scientific experts provide their views of the current realities, the scientific opportunities and challenges, and the pertinent policy issues associated with a specific aspect (e.g., Food and Water) of the general topic (e.g., FSSD).

The unusual, if not unique, format for each ISGP conference emphasizes critical discussions and debates between the invited scientists and an international audience of subject matter experts invited by the ISGP following consultations with the participating countries in North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia. Each ISGP conference relies on international expertise and global perspectives of all the participants. ISGP programs are designed to reflect the international expertise and global perspectives of all participants and to clarify scientific and technical understanding needed by the nonspecialists who are often charged with policy decisions. Policy leaders routinely lead the conference debates and caucuses. The ISGP format also provides an opportunity for the scientific community to experience the challenges of formulating and implementing effective policies involving scientific and technological issues.

Small-group caucuses are held on Tuesday evening followed by a plenary caucus on Wednesday involving all participants. These caucuses are designed to identify areas of consensus and actionable next steps to be considered by governmental and societal leaders. The conference concludes after lunch on Wednesday. “Not-for-attribution” summaries of all debates are prepared by the ISGP staff and published with the policy position papers in publicly available books

To learn more about the **FSSD: Focus on Food and Water** conference and for more information about how invitations to the conference are being extended, contact Jennifer Boice at (520) 343-8181, or at ([jboice@scienceforglobalpolicy.org](mailto:jboice@scienceforglobalpolicy.org)) or visit [www.scienceforglobalpolicy.org](http://www.scienceforglobalpolicy.org).