

**CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**The Institute on Science for Global Policy (ISGP)**  
**in cooperation with Cornell University**  
**will convene an ISGP conference on**  
**Food Safety, Security, and Defense: Focus on Food and the Environment**  
**in Ithaca, New York, U.S., October 5–8, 2014**

**Food Safety, Security, and Defense (FSSD)**, identified by participating governments, international organizations, and the private sector as major policy priorities, has been the topic of an ongoing series of invitation-only conferences convened by the Institute on Science for Global Policy (ISGP). The third FSSD conference is being organized in cooperation with Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the David R. Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future and will be convened October 5–8, 2014, in Ithaca, New York. This ISGP conference will focus on the rapidly evolving impact of environmental changes on the food we have available. Issues to be addressed will include the effect of environmental changes on agricultural production, nutritional value of foods, integration of the global supply chain, incorporation of genomic technologies into food production, and geographic security. All ISGP conferences are conducted in “not-for-attribution” environments (Chatham House Rule).

This ongoing 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 the Environment**

This ISGP conference begins with caucus meetings, a reception, and dinner on Sunday, October 5. The initial two days of the conference (Monday and Tuesday) focus on discussions and critical debates of the eight concise (3-page) 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 the Environment) of the general topic (e.g., FSSD).

The unusual, if not unique, format for each ISGP conference emphasizes critical 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, South America and Asia. ISGP programs and conferences 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 makers 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 the Environment** 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).