

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Register online or FAX this form to 816-823-2464.
- Registration deadline is April 10, 2006.
- **A registration form is required for each participant.**
- Registration fee is \$150 per person if received by **April 14, 2006**. Payment at the door will be \$200.
- **No refund of registration fees will be made,** however, substitutions will be accepted.
- **Pay online by credit card or mail check drawn on a U.S. bank payable to IFAC.** Include your organization's name and list each name for which payment is enclosed.

Register online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daco>

Name _____
Organization _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Country _____ Phone _____ FAX _____
Email _____
Payment Options (check one) Check Visa MasterCard
Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____



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Kansas City, MO 64141-6205

Special Accommodations: Wheelchair Accessibility Other _____
 Hearing Impairment Visual Impairment
 Dietary Needs (specify) _____

NOTE: Your name, organization, phone number, FAX number, and Email address will be published as part of the conference material. If you prefer your FAX number or Email address NOT be published, please check the information you wish withheld. ~~FAX~~ ~~EMAIL~~
Direct comments and/or questions to Debbie Crow at deborah.crow@kcc.usda.gov or Sue King at sue.king@wdc.usda.gov or by phone: 816-926-6301.

Hotel Information

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown at 200 West 12th Street in Kansas City. To make lodging reservations, call 816-421-6800 or 1-800-228-9290 and identify yourself as attending the USDA/USAID International Food Aid Conference. Online reservations can be made at www.marriott.com/mcidt using Group Code: **AIDAIDA**.

Room rate is \$91 plus all applicable taxes for single or double occupancy. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. Cut-off date for making room reservations is **Friday, April 7, 2006**. Check in time is 3 p.m. Check out time is 12 noon.

Ground Transportation

KCI Shuttle is available at the current rate of \$16 one way or \$27 round trip per person. Upon arrival at KCI Airport, locate the RED shuttle booth located near the baggage claim area or use the WHITE airport courtesy phone and dial 5000. Reservations are required in advance for your return trip and can be made by calling 816-243-5000. The hotel can provide shuttle schedules. Taxi service is also available for a higher rate.

Directions

From KCI Airport take I-29 South to 169 South (169 South turns into Broadway). Continue South on Broadway to 12th Street. Turn left on 12th Street. The Marriott Downtown is on your left in the second block. Approximate distance is 25 miles.

Self Parking: \$10 per day

Valet Parking: \$14 per day

Dress: Business/Business Casual

Average Temperature: 64 degrees

Updated agenda available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daco>

USDA & USAID International Food Aid Conference

April 24 - 27, 2006
Kansas City Marriott Downtown
Kansas City, Missouri

Horizon of Hope

You Are Invited

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will again host the annual International Food Aid Conference. On behalf of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), and USAID, I am pleased to invite you to attend and participate. This event provides a unique opportunity for participants to share and understand each others' perspectives and roles while exploring all aspects of food aid.

This year's conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, from April 24 through 27, at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. Approximately 800 people representing private voluntary organizations, grain and processed commodities suppliers, marine and domestic transportation companies, U.S. ports, trade associations, World Food Programme, and U.S. government representatives attended last year.

Unprecedented disasters throughout the world constantly challenge us to provide a *Horizon of Hope* to millions of people through food aid programs. Presentations will focus on the benefits of food aid, operational issues, and increasing effectiveness and efficiencies in food aid delivery. I hope you will join us and participate in this year's conference.

Sincerely,



Bert Farrish

Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations, Farm Service Agency

Keynote Address

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Conner - *Invited*

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld - *Invited*

Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez - *Invited*

- **Senator Sam Brownback** - *Invited*
- **Randall L. Tobias**, Administrator Designate, USAID
- **J.B. Penn**, Under Secretary of Farm & Foreign Agricultural Services
- **Teresa C. Lasseter**, Administrator, Farm Service Agency
- **Mike Yost**, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service
- **John Powell**, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations World Food Programme
- **Peter McPherson**, President, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges
- **Tony Hall**, Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies in Rome

Featured Speakers

Reception Hosted by

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Cooper/T. Smith
SSA Marine
Transfer Logistics,
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Virginia Port Authority
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Topics

- Health, Nutrition, and Economic Assistance
- Impact of World Trade Negotiations On Food Aid Policy
- Role of the Military in Humanitarian Relief
- Partnership on Hunger & Poverty in Africa
- Building International Food Aid Coalitions
- Changing the Face of Hunger
- Human Face of Food Aid

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