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Keynote Speakers

Mr. Stephen Lewis, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Ryerson University

Dr. David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer, Canada

Dr. Brian Evans, Chief Food Safety and Chief Veterinary Officer, Canada

Dr. John McDermott, Director of Research Program on Agriculture for Improved Nutrition and Health, CGIAR

Dr. Alastair Summerlee, President and Vice Chancellor, University of Guelph

Dr. Stephen Lewis

Distinguished Visiting Professor, Ryerson University

Stephen Lewis is a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Ryerson University in Toronto. He is the board chair of the Stephen Lewis Foundation (www.stephenlewisfoundation.org), which is dedicated to turning the tide of HIV/ AIDS in Africa, and he is co-founder and co-director of AIDS-Free World in the United States.

Mr. Lewis is a member of the Board of Directors of the Clinton Health Access Initiative and Emeritus Board Member of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative. He also serves as a Commissioner on the newly formed Global Commission on HIV and the Law, created by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with the support of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

Stephen Lewis' work with the United Nations spanned more than two decades. He was the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa from June 2001 until the end of 2006. From 1995 to 1999, Mr. Lewis was Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF at the organization's global headquarters in New York. From 1984 through 1988, he was Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations.

From 1970-1978, Mr. Lewis was leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, during which time he became leader of the Official Opposition.

Mr. Lewis is the author of the best-selling book, *Race Against Time*. He holds 34 honorary degrees from Canadian universities and in June 2010 he received an honorary degree from Dartmouth College in the United States. Mr. Lewis was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada, Canada's highest honour for lifetime achievement, in 2003.

He was awarded the Pearson Peace Medal in 2004 by the United Nations Association in Canada; the award celebrates outstanding achievement in the field of international service and understanding. In 2007, King Letsie III, monarch of the Kingdom of Lesotho (a small mountainous country in Southern Africa) invested Mr. Lewis as Knight Commander of the Most Dignified Order of Moshoeshoe. The order is named for the founder of Lesotho; the knighthood is the country's highest honour.

Dr. Mark Raizenne

Director General, Centre for Food-borne, Environmental and Zoonotic, Infectious Diseases, Public Health Agency of Canada

Mark Raizenne is the director general for the Centre for Food-Borne, Environmental and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (CFEZID), a newly created centre in the Public Health Agency of Canada. He has more than 25 years of experience in the public service dealing with environmental and public health related issues. Working with Health Canada, Raizenne continued his interest in the practical application of science. His research focused on the importance of the environment, specifically air quality, on human health. Raizenne's doctoral work investigated the influence of air pollution on lung function in children and adults in Canada.

Raizenne has served as executive director for the Office of Sustainable Development, associate director general for the Safe Environments Program and director of Environmental Influences on Health with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. As the director general of CFEZID, Raizenne is responsible for the strategic and operational activities within the Centre, including responding to food-borne and zoonotic infectious disease outbreaks, and planning for public health threats and environmental and public health issues.

He holds an MSc in Environmental Health and an DSc in Epidemiology and Environmental Health from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Dr. Brian Evans

Chief Food Safety and Chief Veterinary Officer, Canada

Dr. Brian Evans is Canada's fourteenth Chief Veterinary Officer, a position he has held since the inception of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in 1997 and the delegate of the Government of Canada to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) since 1999. In 2007, Dr. Evans was appointed by the Clerk of the Privy Council of Canada as the Executive Vice President of the Agency. Effective June 28, 2010, Dr. Evans was appointed as Canada's first Chief Food Safety Officer.

Dr. Evans has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, with a major in animal science and minor in genetics, from the Ontario Agriculture College at the University of Guelph. He also has a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the Ontario Veterinary College of the University in Guelph.

Before the creation of the CFIA, Dr. Brian Evans served as the Chief of the Artificial Insemination and Embryo Transfer program and as the Director of the Animal Health Division within Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Prior to public practice he spent several years in private large animal practice, focussing on reproductive herd health.

Dr. John McDermott

Director of Research Program on Agriculture for Improved Nutrition and Health, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research

John McDermott joined International Food Policy Research Institute in 2011 to lead the new CGIAR research program on agriculture for improved nutrition and health. Previously he was Deputy Director General and Director of Research at ILRI in Nairobi (2003-11). John has lived and worked in Africa for 25 years.

As a researcher, John's research career has focused on public health, animal health and livestock research in developing countries, primarily Africa. He has led projects on zoonotic and emerging diseases in Asia and Africa. John has a strong background in quantitative methods (modeling, study design, statistics).

He has a PhD in quantitative epidemiology from the University of Guelph, a Masters Degree in Preventive Veterinary Medicine from the University of California - Davis and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Guelph. During his research career, John is the author or co-author of 200 peer-reviewed publications, book chapters and conference papers and has advised over 30 post-graduate students, including 20 PhD graduates. He was a visiting Lecturer at the University of Nairobi and a Professor at the University of Guelph. He has also served as an advisor to FAO, WHO, OIE and other international agencies, a non-executive Director of the Global Alliance for Livestock Vaccines and Medicine (GALVmed and as a member of the advisory committee of Veterinarians with Borders (Canada).

Dr. Alastair Summerlee

President and Vice Chancellor, University of Guelph

A passionate humanitarian, a dedicated teacher, and an internationally renowned researcher, Dr. Alastair Summerlee was appointed as the seventh president of the University of Guelph in 2003. Under his leadership, the University of Guelph has become preeminent among Canadian universities with a strong reputation for civic engagement and volunteerism. In receipt of a prestigious 3M teaching fellowship, the first president elect in North America to be awarded this honour, Dr. Summerlee has continued to teach undergraduate students, supervise graduate students and organize educational field trips for students.

Dr. Summerlee has attracted significant monies to support research in the fields of relaxin, cancer biology, and iron deficiency anemia in women and HIV/AIDS in aboriginal populations. Dr. Summerlee spent five years as the chair of the board of the World University Service of Canada (WUSC), one of the leading international development agencies in Canada and became involved in humanitarian issues in Africa, particularly in the refugee camps in Kenya.