



***CIELAP's 4<sup>th</sup> Partnering for Sustainability Workshop  
Achieving Resilient Agricultural Systems: Innovation, People and Partnerships***

A workshop to foreshadow and feed into the United Nation's  
Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD)

November 13 and 14, 2008 – 111 Sussex Dr, Bytown Room, Ottawa, Ontario

Draft Agenda

**Day 1 – November 13**

**Morning**

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| 8:30         | Continental Breakfast  |   |
| 9:00–9:30:   | Welcome, introduction, context about CSD and workshop  | <b>Anne Mitchell</b> , CIELAP<br><b>Rachel McCormick</b> , DFAIT  |
| 9:30-10:30   | Presentation and Discussion: Resilient agricultural systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are resilient agricultural systems and what do they look like?</li><li>• What factors are present in resilient systems?</li><li>• Why are they desirable?</li></ul> | <b>Jean-Charles Levallee</b>  |
| 10:30–10:45: | Break  |   |
| 10:45–12:30: | Presentations and discussion: Introduction to sub-themes and how these can contribute to resilient agricultural systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Valuing landscape services</li><li>• Local food systems</li><li>• Agricultural production systems</li></ul>  | <b>Ian Campbell</b> , AAFC-AAC<br><b>Mike Schreiner</b> , Local Food Plus<br><b>Dale Petrie</b> , Ontario Soybean Growers |
| <b>Lunch</b> |  |   |
| 12:30–2:00:  | Lunch with Keynote – Broad perspective on agricultural policy  | <b>Jamshed Merchant</b> , AAFC  |

**Afternoon**

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| 2:00–3:00          | Small group discussions with sharing of case studies* |
| 3:00 – 3:15        | Break   |
| 3:15 – 4:10        | Small group discussions with sharing of case studies* |
| 4:10 – 4:40:       | Report back in plenary                                |
| 4:40 – 5:00:       | Summary of day and Day 2 direction                    |
| <b>5.00 – 7.00</b> | <b>Reception</b>                                      |

## **Day 2 – November 14**

### **Morning Session - Partnerships**

8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00–9:40: Introduction/housekeeping; sharing of key insights from Day 1

9:40–10:30: Partnerships “How to” session

- Context for partnerships, relevance to CSD  
What works and what doesn't; principles for successful partnerships; how can partnerships be evaluated; how can partnerships help foster resilience?
- Case studies

Environmental Farm Plan  
**Micheline Begin**, OSCIA  
**John FitzGibbon**, OFEC  
**Paul Smith**, OMAFRA  
**Maxine Kingston**, AAFC

**CIELAP & Roxana Salazar**

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:15 Continuation of Partnerships “How to” session

### **Lunch**

12:15–1:30: Lunch

### **Afternoon Session – Moving Forward**

1:30–3:30: Reporting back and discussion on moving forward:

- What policy instruments, programs, and processes need to be put in place for the development of a national vision and practices that foster resilient agricultural systems and advance sustainable development in Canada?
- Systems perspective – where are the gaps; what other sectors are impacted and needed on board?

3:30: Closing

**\* Day 1 – Relevant case studies will be discussed in small groups. One participant will be asked to present their case study in the small group to encourage discussion. Other participants will be encouraged to bring important insights from their own case studies into the discussion.**

### **A set of questions will be used to focus discussion and reporting:**

- 1) What elements do these case studies have that foster resilience and bring us towards sustainable development?  
Points to consider for this question:
  - What makes them best practices?
  - How do you factor in context as you seek to apply others' best practices to your own work?
- 2) How could we build on these practices (considering resilience and looking through a Sustainable Development lens)?
- 3) What policy instruments, programs, and processes need to be put in place for the development of a national vision and practices that foster resilient agricultural systems and advance sustainable development in Canada?  
Points to consider:
  - What is achievable, what are good timelines?
  - What are the challenges?
  - Who will do what?
  - How do we move forward?
  - Who is needed on board and how do we get them involved?
- 4) What additional insights have you had?

## **Speakers' Biographies:**

Jean-Charles Le Vallée, Ph.D, is an agricultural economist and food/nutrition security and environment specialist with 15 years of experience in development and extensive research, policy, and work experience relating Sub-Saharan, Central American, Canadian, and Inuit food security through ITK, CIDA, USAID, FAO, PAHO, IFPRI, the World Food Prize, and the World Bank. He teaches food policy at Ryerson University, and food and social justice the University of Ottawa. Jean-Charles also recently launched his new book from VDM publishing on Achieving Food Security through Food System Resilience.

Mike Schreiner is the co-founder and Vice President of Local Food Plus. He is an award-winning social entrepreneur who comes to LFP after 10 years as the co-founder of WOW Foods, a Toronto-based home delivery service for organic food that aims to build a healthy food system by linking consumers with local organic farmers. Mike was also the founder of the LETS Community Shared Agriculture project which worked to link a local organic farm with members in Toronto using a local currency and work share arrangements, as well as the co-founder of Earthdance Organics, an organic food service kitchen and bakery. Mike grew up on a conventional grain and livestock farm. He holds Bachelor Degrees in Business Administration and History, as well as a Masters Degree in History. Mike is a former member of the Toronto Food Policy Council and is active in other community and environmental efforts, including efforts to establish a local and environmental business network in the Greater Toronto Area.