



Food Security and Nutrition for the Americas

Challenges and Opportunities for this Century



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**Food and Nutrition Security for the Americas.
Challenges and Opportunities for the next 50 years
Country Chapters Meeting**

Lima, Peru March 13th -16th , 2017

Hosted by the National Academy of Sciences of Peru

Assuring food and nutrition security is generally regarded as one of the key global challenges for the 21st century. Population growth, climate and environmental change and technology development will all interact to determine how our various nations will assure an adequate food supply to the citizens of the Americas. Equally important will be national agricultural policies, land use patterns, market systems and systems of infrastructure. These policy dependent parameters are set by national governments and states within nations.

The aim of this project is to assess the outlook for food and nutrition security (FNS) over the next fifty years within the Americas, with the goal of informing national policy makers of critical issues and potential options for each major country of the Americas.

The project is being implemented by the national science academies of the American hemisphere through the Inter-American Network of Academies of Sciences (IANAS) with financial support from the German National Academy of Sciences-Leopoldina, the German Government (Ministry of Education) and the Global Network of Science Academies (IAP-Science). Parallel projects are also underway for the European, Asian and African Networks of Science Academies.

Experts from 21 countries of the Americas will be meeting in Lima, Peru to assess of the food and nutrition security challenge in the hemisphere for the next fifty years. The meeting will culminate in a volume of country assessments that will be published at the end of 2017.

The organization is very grateful with the hospitality and support of the National Academy of Sciences of Peru.

GENERAL PROGRAM

Monday March 13th, Travel Day

Tuesday March 14th, Meeting Full Day

Wednesday March 15th, Meeting Full Day

Thursday March 16th, Return Day

Travel Information

Monday March 13th Travel Day

General Recommendations prior your trip: Forecast Weather °C 30/24 °F 86/75 Do not forget: To call your Credit card company and inform about your next trip. Make copies of your passport. Check with the airline the new baggage policies

-You will be arriving at the Aeropuerto Internacional Jorge Chavez, Lima Peru.

-Before exiting Customs, we recommend to change some local money for incidentals. (Average exchange rate is \$1.00 USD= \$3.20 Soles)

-A pick up service has been arranged for the Airport to Hotel-Airport transportation. A representative of the company Viajes Pacífico will pick you up at the passengers arrival hall at the airport. Please look for the "IANAS" and/or "Viajes Pacífico" sign. Below a picture of the company staff. Viajes Pacífico telephone: 51-1-6101900 Annex 255 and 282, 24 hours



-IANAS will be tracking your flights and will inform the pick up company about the status of your flight so please allow 20 minutes but if the pick up services does not show up, please hire the service of Taxi Green (recommended by the Hotel) located at the airport. The charge from the airport to the hotel should be around \$ 27 USD. Reserve your ticket for reimbursement (The reimbursement should take about four weeks).

-Depending on the time of your arrival, please expect 45-55 minutes travel from the airport to the hotel.

-Lodging and Meeting will be at: Hotel NM Lima Address: Av. Pardo y Aliaga 330, San Isidro 15073, Peru Phone: +51 1 612 1000 <http://www.nmlimahotel.com/>

-At your arrival, just mention that you are from the IANAS-Food Group.

-The organization will cover the nights of March 13th, 14th and 15th meals and local transportation during the meeting.

-For those with flights departing March 16th during the evening, night or midnight, meals and the extra-time at the hotel will be covered by the organization.

-For dinners, the Restaurant Sum will be open from 18:00 pm to 23:00 pm and the limit for your console will be \$84.00 Soles. If you plan arrive later, you can ask for room service and the limit will be \$84.00 Soles

-Please let us know if you prefer (white meat) or (red meat) and if you have other dietary request.

Agenda

Tuesday March 14th Meeting Day Conference Room: Salon Angel 9:30 AM

Breakfast Restaurant Sum Service from 6:00 am to 10:00. Gym will be available for guests

Meeting will be at the Conference Room Salon Angel.

Translation service will be available. Please prepare an ID for the headsets.

9:30 **Welcome**

Abraham Vaisberg Wolach, President of the National Academy of Sciences of Peru and Jeremy McNeil, IANAS Co-Chair.

9:45 – **Discussion of plan and objectives for the meeting:** Michael Clegg, General Coordinator of the
10:00 IANAS-FNS Initiative

10:00 - Parallel sessions by regions (Same Conference Room): The goal is to go over the various chapters
12:00 to identify common themes and to assure that the chapters are reasonably consistent. We want
 to highlight issues that should be called out in the overall Summary for the project and to begin
 putting together presentations that can be used either within countries or regionally.

- **Southern Cone of South America**

Coordinator of the Group: Eduardo Bianchi

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- **Northern Cone of South America**

Coordinator of the Group: Elizabeth Hodson

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- **Caribbean and Central America**

Coordinator of the Group: Bruno Zachrisson

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- **North America**

Coordinator of the Group: John Klirinomos

[Klironomos John](#) (Canada), [Herrera-Estrella Luis](#) (Mexico), Morrell Peter (USA)

12:00- Coffee Break at Salon Ovalin. The conference room will be locked during this break
12:15
12:15 – Continue the work on Parallel sessions by regions
13:30

13:30 – Lunch at the Hotel, Restaurant Atrium. Please let us know if you have special meals request.
14:30
15:00 – **II. General Report back**
16:30
The Coordinators of the parallel sessions are requested to present the conclusions of their session

16:30- Coffee Break
16:45
16:45 Wrap up for the first day and program for the following day
18:00
18:45- Meeting at the lobby of the Hotel and transportation to Miraflores Restaurant Las Brujas de
20:30 Cachiche

IANAS is very grateful with the generosity of the National Academy of Science of Peru hosting the dinner. Dress code: Smart Casual. Comfortable shoes

Wednesday March 15th Meeting Day

Breakfast Restaurant Sum Service from 6:00 am to 10:00 Gym will be available for guests
Meeting will be at the Conference Room Salon Angel.
Translation service will be available. Please prepare an ID for the headsets.

9:00 – The meeting will be at the Salon Angel Conference Room.
10:00 Welcome and objectives for second day

III. Issues of composition and book design – Frances Henry, Adriana de la Cruz, Daniel Moreno

- Discussion of a potential Chapter on Gender and Food Security.
- Proposition of contents for Illustrative boxes between chapters
- Processes for book production. A quick and very important crash course about editing PDF

10:00 – Coffee Break at Salon Ovalin. The conference room will be locked during this break. Picture of
10:30 the Group

10:30 – **IV. Big picture considerations:** This is a brainstorming session to identify and highlight novel
13:00 ways to present and analyze possible future trends in food and nutrition security. We will begin with a presentation by Katherine Vammen on the big messages from the “Urban Water Project” and we will then view a short TED talk by Hans Rosling on the evolution of health and income

security. These two presentations are intended to stimulate ideas and discussion about how to present the big picture ideas from our FNS project.

Some possible cross cutting issues to consider:

- Major trends for the next fifty years by edaphic, physiographic and climatic regions
- Critical policy challenges including infrastructure, trade, subsidies, investment prospects for technology and human resources
- Natural resource challenges including water, soil quality, energy, climate impacts
- The intersection of gender with food and nutrition
- The global role of the Western Hemisphere in feeding ten billion

V. Discussion of the content of the separate Summary document

- **Top priority issues**
- **Key threats over the next fifty years**
- **Opportunities**
 - **Technologies**
 - **Scientific capacity building**
 - **Shifting consumption patterns**
 - **Slowing of population growth**
 - **education**

13:00 – Lunch at the Hotel, Restaurant Atrium. Please let us know if you have special meals request.
14:30

15:00 – VI. Ideas for outreach to policy makers
16:00

- Model power point presentations that can be adapted for use by individual countries
- Summary documents
- Country based release of report with press event
- Other ideas

16:00- Coffee Break at Salon Ovalin. The conference room will be locked during this break.

16:15

16:15- Potential Dissemination Activities for 2018 (Proposals by Country)

17:00

End of the Meeting

Dinner will be served from 19:00 to 23:00 at the Restaurant. Limit \$84.00 Soles

If you wish to visit the city for an evening tour, please contact in advance to Pilar Aguilar from the Kalawi Tours travel agency This activity will need to be covered by the participant

Thursday March 16th Return Day

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- Breakfast Restaurant Sum Service from 6:00 am to 10:00. Gym will be available for guests.
 - The transportation company will leave a message in your room the previous night. Please double check.
 - For those with flights departing March 16th during the evening, night or midnight, meals and the extra-time at the hotel will be covered by the organization.
 - The Hotel-Airport transportation will pick you up exclusively at the Hotel NM Lima at the time previously confirmed by you. Please contact: Alejandra Munoz from IANAS, she will be at the Lobby of the Hotel on March 15 during the Coffee Break session to confirm your departing schedule

**End of the Meeting. Thank you very much for your energy and
commitment towards IANAS**

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