The Water-Food-Energy-Climate Nexus: An Emerging Challenge for Rural Policy

Peabody Hotel, Memphis, TN
May 18, 2015

Preliminary Preconference Agenda

8:30 – 9:00  Coffee and Networking

9:00 – 9:30  Welcome  
Tom Johnson  
Chuck Fluharty  
Bill Reimer  
Betty-Ann Bryce

9:30 – 10:00  Plenary 1: The role of long-run comparative international policy research - the example of Norway and Scotland since 1800  
John Bryden, Norwegian Agricultural Economics Research Institute, and Professor Emeritus, University of Aberdeen

10:00 – 10:30  Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:30  Breakout Session 1: Governance Issues 1

1. “Four Futures for the Arctic: Governance, Development, and Human Rights at the Nexus of Water, Energy, Food, and Climate.”  
Philip A. Loring, U of Saskatchewan

2. “Québec’s Approach to Rural Development. A successful rural policy under budgetary pressure.”  
Bruno Jean, University of Quebec at Rimouski and Bill Reimer, Concordia University and Brandon University

3. “Can Multi-Level Regional Governance Enhance Rural Development? Experiences from South Kerry, Ireland and Newfoundland, Canada.”  
Ryan Gibson, St. Mary’s University
Breakout Session 2: The Nexus between Rural and Environmental Policy

1. "Environmental Protection Policy and Rural Community Wealth: A US Case Study" Yong Chen, David Lewis and Bruce Weber, Oregon State University


3. “Evolving farm practices to reduce greenhouse gases: role of social marketing” Bill Ashton and Wayne Kelly, Brandon University

11:30 – 12:00 Plenary 2: Bio-Physical and Social Sciences and Policy Ramifications of Addressing the Food-Water-Energy Nexus Sonny Ramaswamy, USDE - NIFA

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 Breakout Session 3: Governance Issues 2

1. “The Water-Food-Energy-Climate Nexus as an Opportunity for Rural-Urban Policy Integration” Bill Reimer, Concordia and Brandon University, Josh Barrett and Kelly Vodden, Memorial University

2. “The Food-Water-Energy-Climate Nexus: A Polanyian Reflection and Rural Policy Exploration.” John F Devlin, University of Guelph


Breakout Session 4: The Water-Food-Energy Nexus

1. “From fossil to sustainable rice production systems: a comparative case study” Marco Pagani, University of Bologna, Matteo Vittuari, University of Bologna, Thomas G. Johnson, University of Missouri.

2. “A cumulative effects approach: developing a decision support framework for understanding a multi-level water and food nexus” Henry J. Penn, University of Alaska and Phillip Loring, University of Saskatchewan

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