



Invitation to a Workshop and Discussion

What Do International Climate Change Initiatives Mean for Iowa's Farms: A Business Driven Response to Climate Change – a Drake Perspective.

April 14, 2016 – Drake University Law School

Organized and hosted by the Drake University Agricultural Law Center, with support from the ISU Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, as part of the Sustainable Agricultural Land Tenure project, a joint initiative of Drake and the Leopold Center.

Dear Iowa Farm Leader:

Climate change is a pressing issue around the world and Iowa will need to adapt to the challenges of more extreme weather. Iowa farmers are in a position to develop effective mitigation strategies. How Iowa agriculture will respond to these challenges and opportunities is critical to our future and is why the Center has organized this workshop.

Our goal for the 14th is to expand the understanding of the agricultural implications of three major international climate change developments: the Papal encyclical *Laudato Si*; the UN Paris Agreement; and USDA's report on Climate Change, Global Food Security, and U.S. Food Supply. We have identified a number of speakers who through their work are well prepared to explain these developments.

Questions to be addressed:

- What do these major international and national climate change actions mean for Iowa farmers?
- How is agriculture participating in these developments or is it?
- What happened to the idea of a carbon tax and agricultural carbon sequestration efforts? How do those issues relate to these new actions?
- Can private conservation initiatives like SUSTAIN be leveraged to help Iowa farmers integrate soil and water conservation with carbon sequestration?
- What role will the government farm support infrastructure play in helping Iowa farms adapt to extreme weather and develop practices to mitigate climate change?
- Are Iowa farmers open to organizing and promoting strategies to capture the value of addressing climate change problems?

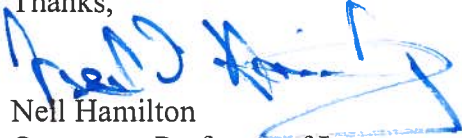
The workshop will feature three panels, to frame the conversation, but the afternoon will be discussion based. This is a working meeting, and we hope everyone in the room will make important contributions to flesh out the discussion. Our plan is the nature and tone of our meeting will allow for an open and candid

discussion to stimulate honest dialogue about the situation we face going forward. We are inviting a cross section of Iowa farm leaders and expect about 30 participants.

We are writing in the hope you recognize the importance of this issue and will want to join us on the 14th. We can't predict exactly what will happen but can promise it will be insightful, engaging, and educational. Please let us know if we can count you in by sending Matt Russell an e-mail at matt.russell@drake.edu. Once you confirm participation we will send more information about the logistics of the meeting.

We chose April 14th because at 7:00 PM Bill Nye “the Science Guy” will be giving a Bucksbaum Distinguished Lecture at the Knapp Center. It is free and open to the public, and we hope you might stay. We've reserved rooms at the Drake Holiday Inn Express. So please reply to Matt if you need more information about making a reservation.

Thanks,



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Draft Agenda

12:30-12:45 welcome—Prof. Neil Hamilton, Drake University Law School and director of the Agricultural Law Center

12:45-2:00—Key international developments—Facilitator Keith Summerville, Interim Dean, Drake University College of Arts and Sciences.

- Todd Edwards, Climate Change Program Officer, The Stanley Foundation—UNFCCC Paris Agreement, Sustainable Development Goals
- Matt Russell, Resilient Agriculture Coordinator, Drake University: Laudato Si
- Dr. Jerry Hatfield, USDA-ARS, National Lab for Agriculture and Environment: Climate Smart Agriculture-- USDA's report on Climate Change

2:00-3:15—Iowa farmers and climate change—Facilitator Prof and in coming Dean Jerry Anderson, Drake University Law School

- Matt Carstens, Vice President for Crop Nutrients, United Suppliers
- Dr. Lisa Schulte Moore, Associate Prof. of Natural Resource Ecology, ISU
- Ray Gaeser, farmer and Chairman, American Soybean Association
- Chris Clayton, DTN ag policy editor and author—“The Elephant in the Corn Field”.

3:15-3:30 break

3:30-5:00—What are the educational and organizing opportunities in Iowa and how can Drake contribute?—Facilitator Prof. Neil Hamilton

- Bob Riley, President, Feed Energy Company
- Kurt Simon (invited), State Conservationist, NRCS
- Roger Wolf (invited), Director of Environmental Programs, Iowa Soybean Association