



Reminder to register for the conference "Potato futures: impact of hybrid varieties"

DATE: Monday, November 30, 2020

TIME: 10:00 - 17:00 CEST

LOCATION: Online international webinar

Dear colleague,

We herewith kindly remind you that you are invited to the conference "Potato futures: impact of hybrid varieties" on Monday, November 30, 2020 from 10:00 till 17:00. Due to tightened COVID-19 measures, we have decided that the conference will be broadcasted live from a studio, and all participants will join via Zoom.

We kindly ask you to use the online form to register for the conference: please also indicate the afternoon parallel session of your choice. **Deadline for registration is Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at 12:00.**

On Thursday afternoon, all participants will receive a confirmation email including the Zoom link to be able to attend the plenary programme and the parallel session indicated at registration.

[Register now](#)

You can find an overview of the programme below, for more details and a background document, please visit the [Netherlands Food Partnership website](#).

Kind regards,
Sjaak Swart (University of Groningen)
Dirk Stemerding (Rathenau Instituut)
Paul Struik (Wageningen University & Research)
Pim Lindhout (Solynta)
Frans Verberne (Netherlands Food Partnership)

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PROGRAMME - SHORT OVERVIEW

10:00 - 12:30 PLENARY MORNING PROGRAMME



- Opening by Jim Lorenzen, Bill & Melissa Gates Foundation (*photo*)
- Diploid hybrid potato as a system innovation
 - Pim Lindhout, Solynta
 - Paul Struik, WUR
- The future of hybrid potato breeding: an agenda for debate
 - Rosanne Edelenbosch, Rathenau Instituut
 - Romain Cools, World Potato Congress

13:30 - 15:30 AFTERNOON PARALLEL SESSION I

Prospects and challenges in a Dutch and agro-industrial system context

- Opportunities and threats of the hybrid potato for the Dutch potato sector
 - Dick Hylkema, NAO
 - Niels Louwaars, Plantum
- Implications for (inter)national policy and regulation
 - Marien Valstar, Ministry of Agriculture
 - Bram de Jonge, Oxfam
 - Hans van der Beek, former Agricultural Counsellor

13:30 - 15:30 AFTERNOON PARALLEL SESSION II

Prospects and challenges in an international development context

- Challenges and opportunities for the introduction of hybrid potato in Africa
 - Graham Thiele, Director CGIAR Program on RTB (*photo*)
 - Mandla Nkomo, Solidaridad
 - Marja Thijssen, WCDI
- Key requirements for successful introduction of hybrid potato in Africa
 - Various speakers private sector



16:00 - 17:00 PLENARY AFTERNOON PROGRAMME



- Final panel discussion
- Conclusions by Louise O. Fresco, President of the Executive Board of Wageningen University & Research (*photo credits Jeroen Hofman*)
- Closure by Myrtille Danse, Executive Director Netherlands Food Partnership



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