

Invitation

CROP WILD RELATIVES & GENE BANKS: Global Insurance for Climate Change

**A free panel and reception during the visit to Australia by
global genebank managers and the
Global Crop Diversity Trust at
CSIRO DISCOVERY CENTRE THEATRETTE Canberra,
2 November, 2016
3-5pm including a networking reception**

You are invited to a free panel discussion and reception on Wednesday, 2 November, focusing on the important role played by Crop Wild Relatives and the global system of genebanks in developing adaptation to the impacts of climate change.

Over the next decades the world is expected to experience climate change that will likely bring about more extreme weather such as higher average temperatures and more variable rainfall. This will impact most food crops in tangible ways and in many cases agricultural yields are predicted to fall significantly. Adapting agriculture to climate change is therefore an urgent challenge of our time.

Crop Wild Relatives have a special role to play and efforts are underway in Australia and around the world to conserve them, and through prebreeding and evaluation, prepare materials for use by plant breeders and farmers for adapting crops to climate change. These crop wild relatives are threatened in their natural environment; they are also missing in crop collections and therefore not yet generally available for use.

The panel will include:

- Ms Marie Haga, Executive Director, the Global Crop Diversity Trust
- The Hon Tim Fischer, former Deputy Prime Minister and Board Member of the Crop Trust
- Dr Luigi Guarino, Director of Science & Programs at the Crop Trust

The discussion will be co-hosted by the Crawford Fund, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the National Rural Press Club.

This free event will be held on 2 November at the

**CSIRO Discovery Centre Theatrette,
Science Road, Black Mountain, Acton**

between 3 and 5pm.

This includes a free reception.

**Please RSVP ASAP or by close of business
on 31 October to reserve your seat.**