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13th Dialogue on Science on Food Security Opens

Food security concerns us all!

The world's population will grow to over eight billion over the next 20 years. How should they all be fed when according to the FAO, every eighth person is chronically hungry today? Starting today, 180 scientists from many different disciplines from all over the world will discuss approaches to resolve these basic problems at the Academia Engelberg Foundation's Dialogue on Science.

One of the most central human needs is food. Given the consequences of climate change, epidemics and wars, as well as growing prosperity in emerging countries, adapting food production to the growing world population presents an immense challenge. Mainly industrialized nations and emerging countries are called upon to secure the sufficient supply of food for future generations.

What will we be eating 20 years from now?

The representatives from science, business, politics, and society from all over the world are holding intergenerational discussions on how to secure availability, access to and consumption of food. Equally important is its affordability. Eight young scientists have prepared specific theses about China, Kenya, the United States and Switzerland, which they will present on Thursday. Luminaries like **Prof. Hans Herren**, CEO of Biovision and recipient of the Alternative Nobel Prize in 2013, **Prof. Klaus Töpfer**, former German Federal Minister, **Dr. Christian Häberli** of the World Trade Institute, **Prof. Rosamond Naylor** of Stanford University, and many others will present their scenarios on securing food for all. For additional information, refer to: **13th Dialogue on Science of the Academia Engelberg Foundation, October 15 to 17, 2014 in Engelberg, Canton of Obwalden, Switzerland, www.academia-engelberg.ch.**

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Note to members of the media: You can also attend individual presentations at the conference.

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