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Global agronomy special session set for CANVAS 2026

October 13, 2026



A special session, “[Global Agronomy: Current Status, Challenges and Prospects](#),” will be held Tuesday, November 3, from 10 am to noon in Room A106 of the Oregon Convention Center during CANVAS.

The session convenes four speakers whose work spans Africa, South Asia, North America, and the multilateral system: Bernard Vanlauwe, deputy director general for research for development at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture; Andrew McDonald, associate professor of soil and crop sciences at Cornell University; Mohamed Eida, agricultural officer for plant nutrition at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; and Jamuna Elumalai, senior scientist and head of ICAR-KVK at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. The session will be moderated by Lakshmi Manavalan, senior program officer for crops R&D at the Gates Foundation.

The speakers will assess where global agronomy stands today, the constraints facing farming systems worldwide, and research and policy priorities for the future. The session is open to all registered attendees.

SPECIAL SESSION

Global Agronomy: Current Status, Challenges and Prospects



📅 November 3, 2026

🕒 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

📍 Oregon Convention Center, Room A106

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Bernard Vanlauwe
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International Institute of
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Andrew McDonald
Associate Professor,
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Mohamed Eida
Agricultural Officer,
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Jamuna Elumalai
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MODERATOR

Lakshmi Manavalan Senior Program Officer, Crops R&D, Gates Foundation



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