

ESCOP Social Sciences Subcommittee Meeting

May 15-16, 2019

Washington, DC

Location

APLU Building (Board Rm)
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Agenda

Wednesday, May 15

- 8:00 AM Introductions, Review of Agenda, and Review of 2018 Minutes
- 8:30 APLU Overview and Items on the Radar Screen [CONFIRMED]
Wendy Fink, Associate Director Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources
- 9:00 Chuck Fluharty, President and CEO
Jocelyn Richgels, National Policy Programs Director [CONFIRMED]
Rural Policy Research Institute
- 9:30 **Caron Cala**, Executive Director [CONFIRMED]
The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE)
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 How ESCOP's Science & Technology Committee Interfaces with SSSc
Dr. **Jeff Jacobsen**, Executive Director,
North Central Regional Assoc. of State Ag. Experiment Station Directors
- 10:30 NIFA Update (Others TBD)
Dr. **Aida Balsano**, NIFA National Program Leader, Research & Evaluation & Rural Health
Dr. **Robbin Shoemaker**, National Program Leader, Economics
- 11:15 **Megan Provost**, Vice President of Policy and Programs [CONFIRMED]
Farm Foundation
- 11:45 Lunch (Lunch on your own)
- 1:30 PM Review of 2018 Action Items
1. Chief Social Scientist for Agriculture – **Travis Park**
 2. Conference Big Data/Research in Agricultural Social Sciences – **Tracy Rutherford**
 3. NIFA RFP Panel/Review Committees. How do we get this committee as part of NIFA RFP Panel Managers/Review Committees? **Aida Balsano**: Can pull in panel managers who are social scientists. How can we change the point system of grant evaluation?
 4. **Aida Balsano** will provide list of NIFA state liaisons.
 5. C-FARE liaison. Work with priority development, communication. **Eric Kaufman**.
 6. What are the grand social science challenges in agriculture? How do we think of different ag challenges from our respective social science lenses? Goes hand-in-hand with ask for Chief SS. **David Rosch**, **Roberta Portella***, **Travis Park**, **Matt Mars**, **Erica Irlbeck**
- 3:00 Break

- 3:15 **Wendy Naus**, Executive Director [CONFIRMED]
Julia Milton, Assistant Director for Public Affairs/Government Relations Associate
Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA)
- 3:45 Reflection/ Discussion related to panel topic/Next Steps
1. What is the future of the ESCOP Social Sciences Subcommittee?
 2. Related to the potential move of NIFA and ERS, what are the social (broad) ramifications and consequences of the move?
 3. What are the hot topics/grand challenges in our social science sub-disciplines?
 4. Others???
- 5:00 Adjourn. (Dinner on your own)

Thursday, May 16

- 8:00 AM Meeting Reflections/Observations/Housekeeping Items
1. S&T Liaison
 2. Membership and Discipline Team Leads
 3. 2020 Meeting Date
 4. Establishment of 2019-20 Action items
 5. Continued discussion and action items
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Summary Discussion/Implications/Next Steps/SSSc business
- 11:50 Adjourn

Information

The Social Sciences Subcommittee (SSSc) shall function as a subcommittee of the ESCOP Science and Technology Committee. SSSc will make recommendations for specific actions to help the Land-grant system address high priority research and education issues leading to outcomes that deal with social issues in a significant, measurable way and that will generate sustained financial support.