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## **MEDIA ADVISORY: GLOBAL WATER THREATS ADDRESSED BY AG AND CLIMATE EXPERTS**

Climate and Food Security Briefing Reviews Latest Data at Start of U.S. Planting Season

Washington/March 18, 2013 – Experts in food security issues will address the latest data and information available on global water threats at a briefing in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, recognizing United Nations' World Water Day. Sponsored by the Global Harvest Initiative and the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute at the University of Nebraska, the briefing on water, drought, climate change, and food security will coincide with the beginning of the spring planting season. The panelists will focus specifically on how farmers will cope with climate challenges to produce enough food to meet the needs of the future while building resilience and preserving natural resources.

**What:** [Too Hot, Too Wet, Too Dry: Building Resilient Agroecosystems](#)  
**When:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013; 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
**Where:** National Press Club, Fourth Estate, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC  
**Who:** **Paul Weisenfeld**, Assistant to the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, Bureau for Food Security  
**Mark Svoboda**, Climatologist, National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
**Manish Bapna**, Executive Vice President & Managing Director, World Resources Institute  
**Claudia Garcia**, Senior Director, Global Corporate Affairs, Elanco; Chair, Global Harvest Initiative Board of Directors  
**Dr. Ronnie Green** (moderator), Vice Chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Interviews:** In addition to the panelists, leaders of the sponsor organizations will be available for media interviews, including Dr. Margaret Zeigler, executive director, Global Harvest Initiative, and Dr. Roberto Lenton, executive director, the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute at the University of Nebraska.

**Live video:** <http://www.globalharvestinitiative.org/index.php/media-resources/events/mar-20-2013>  
**Twitter:** @Harvest2050, @WaterforFood; hashtag: #water4food

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