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7 BILLION: CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

"The Revolution We Need in Food Security and Population"

Aspen Global Health and Development invites you to join
the second roundtable in our 7 BILLION series

featuring

Congressman Dan Glickman

Executive Director of the Congressional Program at The Aspen Institute;
Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; former U.S. Member of Congress

with

Dennis Dimick

Executive Editor, National Geographic Magazine

and

Roger-Mark De Souza

Vice President of Research and Director of the Climate Program, Population Action International

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Moderated by Elliot Gerson

Executive Vice President of Policy and Public Programs, International Partnerships, The Aspen Institute

The second global food crisis in three years is upon us – with bad weather, poor harvests and political turmoil sending food prices soaring to all-time highs. At the same time, the planet's population is set to surpass seven billion this year, with most of the growth occurring in countries least equipped to meet the rising demands on agriculture and the environment. Experts predict that global food production must increase by 70 percent by mid-century to keep pace with current rates of growth. Join experts and policymakers for a discussion on these trends and the policies and programs needed to create lasting development and food security, including meeting the reproductive health needs of the growing world population.



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Dan Glickman is the Executive Director of the Aspen Institute Congressional Program, a nongovernmental, nonpartisan educational program for members of the United States Congress. Glickman is also a Senior Fellow at the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C, which was formed in 2007 by former Senate Majority Leaders Howard Baker, Tom Daschle, Bob Dole and George Mitchell to develop and promote bipartisan solutions to the country's problems and to promote civility in government. Glickman served as Chairman of the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA) from 2004 until 2010. Prior to joining the MPAA, he was the Director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government (2002-2004).

Glickman served as the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture from March 1995 until January 2001. Under his leadership, the Department administered farm and conservation programs; modernized food safety regulations; forged international trade agreements to expand U.S. markets; and improved its commitment to fairness and equality in civil rights. Before his appointment as Secretary of Agriculture, Glickman served for 18 years in the U.S. House of Representatives representing the 4th Congressional District of Kansas. During that time, he was a member of the House Agriculture Committee, including six years as chairman of the subcommittee with jurisdiction over federal farm policy issues. Moreover, he was an active member of the House Judiciary Committee; chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; and was a leading congressional expert on general aviation policy.

Dennis Dimick serves as Executive Editor for the Environment at National Geographic magazine, where he leads coverage of energy, climate, and sustainability issues. He guided the creation of a single-topic issue on global freshwater in April 2010, and architected a year-long 2011 series called "7 Billion," on global population and its impact. The magazine's climate change and energy projects have received awards from the Society of Environmental Journalists, the Overseas Press Club, and Pictures of the Year International. In addition, he has co-organized the Aspen Environment Forum since its inception. Dimick holds degrees in agriculture and agricultural journalism from Oregon State University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He previously worked at newspapers in Oregon and Washington, and for The Courier-Journal of Louisville, Kentucky.

Roger-Mark De Souza is the Vice President of Research and Director of the Climate Program at Population Action International, an advocacy organization working to ensure that women and families have access to contraception in order to improve their health, reduce poverty and protect their environment. With more than 20 years' experience, Roger-Mark is a recognized analyst, author, and speaker on reproductive health, population, health and environment linkages, sustainable development, and demographic trends, linking social and policy aspects of these areas in research, advocacy, and evaluation. Roger-Mark's experience also rests in building NGO and government partnerships, implementing field programs, and engaging the philanthropic community. From 2007 to 2010, he was Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations at the Sierra Club. Before that, he directed the population, health and environment program at the Population Reference Bureau for 10 years where he designed and implemented research projects, capacity building programs, and communications initiatives in the United States, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Previously, he worked at the World Resources Institute and the Pan American Development Foundation. Roger-Mark holds graduate degrees in international relations and development policy from the George Washington University and the University of the West Indies.

The "7 Billion: Conversations that Matter" roundtable series marks the fact that this year the world will reach the watermark of a population of seven billion, and the series is intended to bring thought leaders together around this issue from diverse sectors. The series will explore key relationships between population, food security, reproductive health, the environment, health, and development overall in a series of provocative and informative conversations.