



29th Annual Conference

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

Inn at the Forks

75 Forks Market Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4T6

Join us **Tuesday, December 1, 8:00 pm** for a **Meet-and-Greet in the Forks Ballroom**

AGENDA*

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| 8:00 am | Registration and Free Hot Breakfast (Forks Ballroom) |
| 8:40 am | Welcome and Introduction —POGA Co-President |
| 8:50 am | Respectfully Disagree. How to have Difficult Conversations in a Divided World. Justin Jones-Fosu, Philanthropist, Speaker and Author of “Stop Chasing, Start Creating” |
| 9:50 am | POGA Annual General Meeting —POGA Co-President |
| 10:15 am | Coffee and Networking Break |
| 10:45 am | PGR effects on different oat varieties: impact on shattering and under moisture deficit conditions. Dr. Linda Gorim, Assistant Professor at the University of Alberta in the Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Sciences |
| 11:15 am | Carbon Lifecycle Analysis and the Path Forward for Breeding. Where Canada Is and Where it Could be. Karen Churchill, Chief Scientific Officer for Global Institute for Food Security |
| 12:15 pm | Hot lunch with cash bar and networking |
| 1:15 pm | Agri-Food Sector Amid Upheaval: Perspectives and Strategies. Sylvain Charlesbois, Senior Director for Agri-Food Analytics Lab, Dalhousie University |
| 2:15 pm | Oat Outlook, Randy Strychar, President of Oatinformation.com |
| 3:15 pm | Networking/Coffee Break |
| 3:45 pm | The Pursuit of Excellence: How to Cultivate Unstoppable Excellence in Yourself and Your Organization. Sarah Wells, Olympian |
| 4:45 pm | Wrap-up and Adjourn —POGA Co-President |
| 4:45 pm | Social Hour with cash bar at the Inn at the Forks |
| 6:30 pm | Banquet and Entertainment — The Undeniable Power of Creating Meaning, Justin Jones Fosu |
| 8:00 pm | Program Ends. See you Thursday, December 2, 2027 at Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton AB for the 30th POGA AGM! |

CEU Credits: TBD

Daytime seminars, breakfast and lunch: \$50.00 (\$60 at door)
Optional Evening Banquet \$50.00 (\$60 at door)

***Times and agenda topics subject to change. For updates visit poga.ca*