



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

*CEU Credits (TBC): Nutrient Management: 0.5; Soil and Water Management: 1.0; Crop Management: 1.0; Professional Development: 3; Total: 5*

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

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