



# 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\*

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 **Growing Deeper Resilience and Joy: How to thrive in an era of uncertainty.**  
Jessica Janzen Mindset Coach and Author of Bring the Joy

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 30<sup>th</sup> POGA AGM!**

*CEU Credits: 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)**

*\*\*Times and agenda topics subject to change. For updates visit [poga.ca](http://poga.ca)*