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Land O'Lakes, Inc. Sponsors Global Food Security Symposium

WASHINGTON, May 22, 2014 -- Land O'Lakes, Inc.'s ongoing commitment to feeding a growing global population and leveraging technology to manage risk associated with weather and climate change will be part of a conversation this week focused on food security and climate change that brings together experts from the public and private sectors.

Chris Policinski, President and CEO of the Arden Hills, Minnesota-based cooperative, will attend Chicago Council's *Global Food Security Symposium* to highlight how Land O'Lakes, Inc. is helping farmers around the world develop sustainable agricultural practices that enable them to produce more food using the same amount of land and fewer natural resources. Land O'Lakes, Inc. will again sponsor the summit, which will focus this year on how the U.S. Government, working across all sectors of society, will advance food security in a changing climate.

"Advancing food security in a changing climate is one of the biggest challenges facing our world," Policinski said. "Through our global partnerships and our investments in technology in the United States, we work to help farmers use agricultural best practices to meet the challenge of improving agricultural productivity and creating vibrant functioning markets."

Land O'Lakes, Inc.'s commitment to food security is best exemplified through its International Development Division, which, for 33 years, has focused on improving food security and agricultural value chains. For example, an ongoing two-year IDD project in Kenya funded by the United States Agency for International Development is focusing on harnessing the abundant geothermal energy in the country's Rift Valley to develop clean-energy solutions for drying food and powering agro-processing facilities.

Additionally, the company's commitment to and investment in big data technology such as the WinField R7[®] tool allows producers to identify the best ways to produce bigger yields on the same amount of land places the company at the forefront of knowledge transfer and innovation to help farmers respond to environmental changes.

Land O'Lakes, Inc.'s expertise in agricultural practices that both supports farmers in the United States and those in developing countries – coupled with the expertise of other speakers on the Chicago Council panel – plays an important role in solving the challenge of sustainably feeding 9 billion people by 2050. Given the challenges presented by climate change, Land O'Lakes, Inc. is committed to finding the most effective ways to make food systems more resilient to extreme weather and to manage water stressors related to food production.



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