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Forum Focus is Conversation with Ambassadors: Trade War or Rhetoric?

OAK BROOK, IL April 25, 2018: Trade issues are front and center in the news today. The status of global trade agreements and the use of tariffs have many industries—including agriculture—on alert.

The Farm Foundation Forum on May 22 will be *A Conversation with the Ambassadors: Trade War or Rhetoric?* The panel will include:

- Ambassador Gregg Doud, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
- Ambassador Darci Vetter, former Chief Agriculture Negotiator (2014-2016), *invited*
- Ambassador Richard Crowder, former Chief Agriculture Negotiator (2006-2008)
- Ambassador Al Johnson, former Chief Agriculture Negotiator (2001-2005)

Farm Foundation Vice President of Policy and Programs Megan Provost will moderate the discussion. After comments by the panelists, the floor will be opened for questions and discussion.

There is no charge to participate in the Forum, but registration is requested.

- Register [HERE](#) if you plan to attend the Forum in person at the National Press Club.
- Register [HERE](#) for the free live audiocast. Audiocasting is made possible by a grant from Farm Credit.

Who should participate in the Forum: People with an interest in agricultural, food and rural policy, including members of Congress, congressional staff, executive branch officials, industry representatives, NGO representatives, Embassy representatives, academics and members of the media.

The Forum: Farm Foundation organizes these public forums to engage all stakeholders in informed dialogue on food, agricultural and rural policies. Participants examine current policies, explore and analyze alternative policy options, and give voice to new proposals.

Audio from the session will be posted on the Farm Foundation [website](#). Presentations and audio files from past Forum sessions are also available at the website.