Heidi Kühn of the United States will receive the 2023 World Food Prize for her farmer-focused development model that revitalizes farmland, food security, livelihoods and resilience after devastating conflict. For more than two decades, she has shown over a million people living in war-torn regions around the world a way forward for restoring peace and prosperity through agriculture.

After winning her own battle with cancer, Kühn was inspired to found the non-profit organization Roots of Peace to remove an insidious “cancer of the earth” — replacing the remnants of war with bountiful farmland. Since 1997, the work of Roots of Peace has impacted over one million farmers and members of farming families, spanning Afghanistan, Angola, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cambodia, Croatia, Iraq, Israel, Palestinian areas and Vietnam. It has facilitated the removal of unexploded bombs and landmines, and restored the land to agricultural use with the planting of millions of grapevines and fruit trees.

"For the past 25 years, Roots of Peace has been committed towards transforming former battlefields into thriving farmlands and empowering local communities to achieve self-reliance. By working hand-in-hand with farmers, governments and global partners, we have endeavored to turn conflict-ridden lands into vineyards and replace the remnants of war with the roots of peace."

HEIDI KÜHN, 2023 LAUREATE
Harnessing Change

Join us for the 2023 Norman E. Borlaug International Dialogue on October 24-26 in Des Moines, Iowa. The theme **Harnessing Change** is a deliberate progression of the 2022 theme, **Feeding a Fragile World**. After focusing on the impacts of COVID-19, climate change and conflict, this year we will address harnessing innovation, adaptation and diversification to improve systemic resilience, recover from shocks and sustainably nourish all people.

Concurrent with the Borlaug Dialogue, students from across the United States and around the world will join us in Des Moines for the Global Youth Institute, an integral educational experience in agriculture and global development.

To further explore these pressing global challenges, the 2023 Borlaug Dialogue will consider the following **six subthemes** in its roundtables, keynotes, side events, youth programs and more:

- Resilience
- Innovation
- Empowerment
- Regeneration
- Mobilization
- Nourishment

**TICKET INFORMATION**

The 2023 Borlaug Dialogue will continue to offer **both in-person and virtual programming**, providing unparalleled opportunities for engagement and networking while also ensuring global access to these critical discussions.

Early bird tickets are available until July 15 for in-person attendance. Virtual attendance is available at no cost. Ticket purchase does not include an invitation to the Laureate Award Ceremony on October 26, which is by invitation only.

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