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2015 World Food Prize
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"Being selected to receive the 2015 World Food Prize is a great honour. I consider this award a recognition of the work of BRAC, which I have had the privilege to lead over the last 43 years.

The real heroes in our story are the poor themselves and, in particular, women struggling with poverty. In situations of extreme poverty, it is usually the women in the family who have to make do with scarce resources. When we saw this at BRAC, we realised that women needed to be the agents of change in our development effort.

Only by putting the poorest, and women in particular, in charge of their own lives and destinies, will absolute poverty and deprivation be removed from the face of the earth."
Sir Fazle Hasan Abed of Bangladesh, internationally renowned founder and chairperson of BRAC, will be honored as the 2015 World Food Prize Laureate for his unparalleled achievement in building a unique, integrated development organization that many hail as the most effective anti-poverty organization in the world.

Sir Fazle has grown BRAC (formerly known as Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee) into the world’s largest non-governmental organization, which has helped raise nearly 150 million people out of poverty. The scale and impact of his work in Bangladesh and ten other countries is unprecedented.

He pioneered a new, integrated approach to development that has effectively and sustainably addressed the interconnectedness between hunger and poverty. Sir Fazle has broken new ground by melding scalable development models, scientific innovation, and local participation, especially among women and farmers, to confront the complex causes of poverty, hunger, and powerlessness among the poor.

Under Sir Fazle’s leadership of more than 40 years, BRAC’s agricultural and development innovations have improved food security for millions and contributed to a significant decline in poverty levels, directly impacting women, farmers and small communities across the globe.
Borlaug 101: Fundamentals of Global Food Security

To celebrate the 101st anniversary of the birth of our founder, we will gather an outstanding “faculty” of international leaders, experts and scientists, led by His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, who will deliver the symposium’s keynote address. Issues given special emphasis include: Girls and Women in STEM; Aquaculture and Fisheries; Bio-Fortification; Precision Agriculture; and the next installment of the Borlaug Report.

Chelsea Clinton
Vice Chair
Clinton Foundation

Paul Kagame
President
Republic of Rwanda

Sheryl WuDunn
Pulitzer Prize Winner, Banker
and Co-Author - A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity

Florence Chenoweth
Minister of Agriculture
Liberia

Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture
United States
The World Food Prize is partnering with the following organizations to host an exceptional Array of public side events and meetings at the 2015 Borlaug Dialogue:

- Alliance to End Hunger
- CAST Communications Award Breakfast
- CropLife
- DuPont Pioneer
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- Global Harvest Initiative GAP Report Launch
- The Mosaic Company
- Oxfam
- The Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa
- Sasakawa Africa Association
- Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture & International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)
- Truth about Trade and Technology Global Farmer Roundtable
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- United States Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service
- USAID Food for Peace

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