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Ambassador Quinn's Corner

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Timestamp (CST)	Attendee Name	Comment
Oct. 11, 2020 9:51 Am	Meghna Ravishankar	<p>I created topic: Ambassador Quinn's Corner. description: The World Food Prize Foundation is proud to serve as the home of the Kenneth M. Quinn Archive. In this thread, you will find articles and videos from the archive that detail Ambassador Quinn's career in foreign service and 20 years tenure as President of the World Food Prize Foundation. Please post your questions and reflections to Ambassador Quinn and archive staff by commenting below..</p>  <p>THE WORLD FOOD PRIZE 2020 Norman E. Borlaug International Symposium Breaking New Ground: <i>Building Resilience Today for Improved Global Food Systems Tomorrow</i></p>
Oct. 12, 2020 8:22 AM	Abby Schulte	<p>Good morning, everyone! My name is Abby Schulte and I am the Archive Program Coordinator at the World Food Prize Foundation. In this role, I have the great pleasure of working in both the World Food Prize Foundation Archive and the Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn Archive. To learn more about Ambassador Quinn's Archive, visit https://www.ambassadorquinnarchive.org/ and follow along in this thread to see some featured resources!</p> <p>Oct 12, 2020 1:01 PM</p> <p>Abby Schulte I'm posting the following on behalf of Ambassador Quinn. He writes, "Looking Back and Looking Forward: What Norman Borlaug Might Say Today--As we commemorate the 50th anniversary of World Food Prize founder Dr. Norman Borlaug receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, many might wonder what advice he would have for us in 2020 as we stand at the cross roads of the greatest challenge we have ever faced in terms of global food security. Having had the great privilege to work with Norm for a decade in building the World Food Prize, I have written a brief essay</p>



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		<p>entitled, "Looking Back and Looking Forward: What Norman Borlaug Might Say Today." Click here to view: https://www.ambassadorquinnarchive.org/articles-written-by-ambassador-quinn/2020/10/09/looking-back-and-looking-ahead-what-norman-borlaug-might-say-to-day</p> <p>Whether you had the privilege to interact with Norm, as everyone referred to him, or you are just a student of his work, I hope you will engage with me in this dialogue. Please tell me what one thing Norm would urge or what ideas would be his critical advice about the next 10, 20 or 30 years. Let's have a Dialogue about Borlaug at the Borlaug Dialogue. Ken Quinn President Emeritus The World Food Prize Foundation"</p>
Oct. 12, 2020 1:10 PM	Amy Bettle	So happy to hear from you, Ken! Missing you and hoping you are enjoying your well-deserved retirement.
Oct. 12, 2020 1:54 PM	Kenneth Quinn	Hi Amy. Meghna and you have done a great job putting together this jam packed program. I thought the first morning and especially the opening keynote was great!!
Oct. 12, 2020 2:34 PM	Meghna Ravishankar	Hi Ken! So glad you were able to tune in! Appreciate your message of optimism about Norm's vision.
Oct. 12, 2020 4:15 PM	Kenneth Quinn	Great start. I am looking forward to more compelling sessions all week.
Oct. 13, 2020 2:45 PM	Abby Schulte	To see more articles written by Ambassador Quinn, check out this section of his archive: https://www.ambassadorquinnarchive.org/articles-written-by-ambassador-quinn



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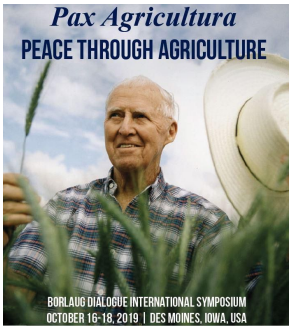
Oct. 13, 2020 3:36 PM	Nabeeha Kazi	Hello Ambassador Quinn! You were and continue to be an inspiration for all.
Oct. 13, 2020 3:41 PM	Kenneth Quinn	Nabeeha, It is always wonderful to be in touch with you. I am so very touched by your comment about me. Thank you for your friendship and support. I continue to be impressed by your work which I follow on LinkedIn.
Oct. 13, 2020 3:42 PM	Nabeeha Kazi	Ambassador Quinn - for the record, I am the President of your fan club. I am sure plenty will want to arm wrestle for that role, but I'm not giving it up.
Oct. 13, 2020 4:24 PM	Kenneth Quinn	Nabeeha, Thank you for being so very, very nice. If I am worthy of having such a club, I wouldn't want anyone else leading it. 😊
Oct. 13, 2020 5:35 PM	Abby Schulte	<p>From the Mississippi to the Mekong: The Road Out of Poverty - My One Big Idea</p> <p>Ambassador Kenneth Quinn, President Emeritus of the World Food Prize, reflecting on his 53 year long career in foreign affairs, offers his One Big Idea to advance global food security. He invites you to join his dialogue and challenges you to put forward your idea. He writes:</p> <p>"In 1967 when I drove across the Mississippi River bridge in Dubuque, Iowa en route to Washington D.C. to join the U.S. State Department, my dream was of an assignment to a European capital such as Paris or Vienna. I imagined I would be attending diplomatic soirées in fancy ballrooms. Instead, I was sent to SaDec Province in the Mekong Delta of South Vietnam as a rural development advisor working with farmers as the new IR 8 miracle rice was being introduced. In effect, I was a "foot soldier in the Green Revolution."</p> <p>"In several articles in my personal archive (From the Mississippi to the Mekong), I outlined how during that initial assignment, I learned the lesson of my professional</p>



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		<p>life - - the transformative power of upgraded rural roads. I saw firsthand that wherever a farm to market road was upgraded or paved, farmers used the new "miracle seeds," with corresponding dramatic increases in the size of their harvests. Life improved immediately. However, where the rural road remained degraded or impassable, farmers never adopted the new technology, and remained mired in poverty."</p> <p>"I saw that same lesson produce remarkable progress in such diverse places as China, the Philippines, Rwanda and my home state of Iowa. Therefore, in response to the challenge of naming just ONE innovation or improvement to lift a country or region out of poverty, I would say that The Road Out of Poverty is to build or improve rural roads. That is my One Big Idea. Ambassador Quinn's challenge to you is this: If you could do only ONE thing to eradicate poverty and enhance food security in a country or region, what would you do? What is your One Big Idea?"</p>
Oct. 14, 2020 5:57 PM	Kiruba Krishnaswamy	Education to all - digital transparency
Oct. 15, 2020 12:47 PM	Abby Schulte	<p>I am sharing the following on behalf of Ambassador Quinn. Please interact with the linked articles and videos from his archive to learn more about the topic Peace Through Agriculture. He writes:</p> <p>"Peace Through Agriculture For the topic of the 2019 Borlaug Dialogue, my last one as president of the World Food Prize, I chose Pax Agricultura: Peace Through Agriculture. I did so for several reasons:</p> 



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		<p>First, as the cover of our 2019 symposium brochure emphasized, the theme of peace coursed through the life and career of our founder Dr. Norman Borlaug, including his stressing the importance of peace to the development of Africa;</p> <p>Second, in awarding the World Food Prize and structuring the Borlaug Dialogue over the past two decades, there were numerous instances of how addressing hunger and food security could bring people and countries together. For example: -We brought Israeli, Palestinian and Arab water experts together. At another time the agricultural ministers of Afghanistan and Pakistan joined U.S. Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack; - Perhaps the most meaningful example came in 2012 when the Secretary-General of the United Nations came to Des Moines to join in presenting the World Food Prize to Dr. Daniel Hillel of Israel, who had been nominated by three Muslim scientists from three Arab and Muslim countries. https://www.ambassador-kenneth-quinn-archive.org/article-s-written-by-ambassador-quinn/2012/06/12/2012-world-food-prize-laureate-promotes-peace-through-science</p> <p>Third, the state of Iowa has a storied agricultural and humanitarian heritage. Many of these stories are preserved through original artworks I commissioned, which now hang in the Ambassador Kenneth Quinn Iowa Gallery in the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates. Including:- Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's 1959 visit to the Garst farm in Iowa "at the most dangerous moment in human history;" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MICULnRGqgk- "Two Interesting Stories" a painting about Chinese President Xi Jinping and his father's travel to and relationship with Iowa; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4Huushfdz8&t=18s- Professor George Washington Carver providing nutritional advice to Mahatma Gandhi as he led the quest for India's independence. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0NUFNttB4eY</p> <p>Finally, in looking back through my own 52 year career in foreign affairs, the theme of Peace Through Agriculture can be found both in my assignments as a State Department Foreign Service Officer as well as in my role leading the World Food Prize. Among them are: - - My</p>
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		<p>being honored in the House of Lords for my use of roads and improved rice seeds to eradicate the remaining elements of the Khmer Rouge, the worst genocidal mass-murdering terrorist organization of the second half of the 20th Century; https://www.ambassadorkennethquinnarchive.org/articles-featuring-ambassador-quinn/2019/03/05/aegis-trust-ceremony-at-the-house-of-lords-as-ambassador-kenneth-quinn-is-given-an-aegis-award-for-c- - Sir Gordon Conway's essay about my unprecedented invitation to speak at a conference in Iran honoring Dr. Borlaug; https://www.ambassadorkennethquinnarchive.org/articles-featuring-ambassador-quinn/2014/02/10/with-food-as-a-common-denominator-an-american-is-welcomed-in-iran Many of these above events and experiences are preserved in articles, videos and other materials that are linked above from my online Archive. To explore more resources, please visit ambassadorkennethquinnarchive.org . I would encourage your reaction to this idea of building peace and promoting national security through agricultural exchanges and enhanced global food security, be it in opening relations with North Korea, confronting Boko Haram in Nigeria, maintaining peace in Afghanistan or some other area of the world."</p>
Oct. 16, 2020 4:48 AM	Kiran Kokate	Very true - Who does want peace ? Everyone wants peace and that is possible through agriculture . Agriculture is our culture , Culture in agriculture is horticulture , Culture in Horticulture is floriculture and it is continuing !