

Rural Voices: On-air dialogues with the people behind your plate

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Kevin is the executive director of Farm Radio International, which he has led since 2006. His work in international and community development includes stints at Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR) where he led their international programs, and in his own neighbourhood in Toronto, establishing the ACCESS Riverdale Community Loan Fund and the Riverdale Community Development Corporation.



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Angeline provides global leadership for livelihoods practitioners implementing World Vision's community empowering project models. She has built an in-depth understanding and expertise about women's economic empowerment, environment and climate change, as well as agriculture and food security with over 17 years' experience in the field. She is currently the Global Chair for the Food and Agriculture Organization's International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Compliance Committee.

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Laura is Senior Representative for Canada for Mercy Corps, and has been working in international cooperation and humanitarian assistance for 15 years. She has extensive experience designing and implementing gender-responsive programming. Laura is representing the Canadian Food Security Policy Group, a network that engages in joint advocacy, research, and policy dialogue to promote inclusive, environmentally sustainable, and coherent development policies.



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Neal is the founder & CEO of Regenerative Resources Company, an enterprise that creates circular regenerative economies by transforming degraded land into productive agroecologies. Prior to founding Regenerative Resources, he was cofounder and director of the Al Baydha Project in Saudi Arabia. He is an alumnus of the Stanford Graduate School of Business.