**AGENDA |** U.S. SOY Americas Buyers Conference, *Presented by USSEC*

**JULY 24TH 2018** | Day of Arrival

6:30—8:30 Welcoming Reception **Michael Conlon**

Agricultural Minster Counselor, USDA

**JULY 25TH 2018** | Day 1

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| 8:00 am – 8:30 am | Registration |  |
| 8:30 am – 9:00 am | Introductory Remarks | **Kevin Roepke**  USSEC Regional Director  **Jim Sutter**  USSEC CEO  **Derek Haigwood**  USSEC Chairman |
| 9:00 am – 9:45 am | Keynote Speech – Trade and Its Importance to the U.S.  INTRODUCED BY: | **Ken Isley**  USDA Administrator—FAS  **Michael Conlon**  USDA |
| 9:45 am – 10:10 am | U.S. Soybean Market Update | **Darin Newsom**  Senior Market Analyst |
| 10:10 am -10:30 am | U.S. Producer Update | **US Grower Leader** |
| 10:30 am -10:45 am | Coffee Break / Group Photo |  |
| 10:45 am -11:05 am | US SOY: Committed | **Kevin Roepke**  USSEC Regional Director |
| 11:05-12:30 | Producer/Trader/Importer Panel | **MODERATED BY:** **Delaney Howell**, Host of Market to Market and Ag News Daily  **Grower Leaders**  **John Baize—Baize & Associates**  **Darin Newsom**  **Juan Carlos Carbone—ITALCOL Ricardo Moreno—PROTEINOL** |
| 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm | Lunch Speaker 🡪 Focus on China | **Bell Chen**  RJ O’Brien |
| **SPOTLIGHT: POLITICAL/ECONOMIC OUTLOOK** | | |
| 1:30 pm – 1:50 pm | Politics and the Latin American Election Cycle | **Dr. Raul Hinojosa**  UCLA |
| 1:50 pm - 2:10 pm | Central American Economic Outlook | **Paolo de Leon**  CABI |
| 2:10 pm – 2:30 pm | Ag Sector Economic Outlook | **Daniel Kowalski**  CoBank |
| 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm | Political/Economic Panel Q&A | **Moderated by** **Gerardo Luna**  USSEC Consultant  **Dr. Raul Hinojosa—UCLA**  **Paolo de Leon—CABI**  **Daniel Kowalski—CoBank** |
| 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm | Refreshments/Networking |  |
| **SPOTLIGHT: AG & THE ENVIRONMENT** | | |
| 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm | US Soybean Sustainability | **Rosalind Leeck**  USSEC |
| 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm | Weather and Ag Production | **Dr. Elywnn Taylor**  Iowa State University |
| 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm | Sustainability and Weather Panel | **MODERATED BY: Kevin Roepke**  **Rosalind Leeck—USSEC**  **Dr. Elywnn Taylor—ISU** |
| 5:15 pm - 5:30 pm | Wrap Up / Conclusions / Housekeeping |  |
| 6:30 pm | Group Dinner | Group |

**JULY 26TH 2018** | Day 2

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| 9:00 am - 9:15 am | Welcome Back and Housekeeping | **Dr Luis Bustamante**  USSEC |
| 9:15 am - 9:35 am | Internal US Freight Market Outlook | **Ken Erickson**  Informa Economics |
| 9:35 am - 09:55 am | Maritime Freight Market Outlook | **Jay O’Neil**  IGP Institute |
| 10:00 am – 10:30 am | Delivering on Time: Freight Market Panel | **MODERATED by: John Baize**  **Ken Erickson—Informa**  **Jay O’Neil—IGP** |
| 10:00 am - 10:30 am | Coffee Break |  |
| **SPOTLIGHT: AG TECH** | | |
| 10:30 am - 11:05 am | The Future of Plant Breeding Innovations | **Dr. Pedro Rocha**  IICA |
| 11:05 am - 11:30 am | The Future of Agriculture | **Quinault Childs**  Institute for the Future |
| 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | Panel Discussion followed by survey | **MODERATED By: Dr Luis Bustamante**  **Dr. Pedro Rocha —IIC**  **Quinault Childs—IFTF** |
| 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm | Lunch |  |
| 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Round Robin and Translated Business Networking |  |
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