

# Canadian Agriculture Economics Society

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What makes Agriculture Economics  
Research Relevant for Policy Advice

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# The face of Agriculture is changing

- NAFTA
- WTO
- Rural Area Revitalization

# CAPI

- Over 4 years ago
- A Board of 7 Members
- A 12 Leaders Advisory Committee
- Ontario and Alberta have joined.
- Competitiveness, Sustainability, Health

# A Changing Role for the Agriculture Economist

- Influencing Change
- A Common Vision
- Create an Agora



# The Evolving Problematic

- Water
- Climate Change
- Health Issues
- International Trade
- Food Security
- Food Safety

# Making the Policy Process More Transparent

- Greater Representation of Stakeholders
- A new Society Consensus
- Fear of Change

# From Mathematical Models To...

- Behavioural Economics
- Neuroscience

# Economic Development

- Improving Governments Policy Capacity
- R and D
- Horizontal Collaboration
- Vertical Collaboration



# Creating a Common Vision

- Interest Groups
- Agriculture: A Shared Responsibility

# Global Food Security

- Farming Profitability
- Income Improvement
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

# Conclusion

- More Contacts with Stakeholders
- Create A Different Model Of Analysis
- Contribute To A New Vision

# Agriculture And Health Deficit

- Double Agriculture Production by 2050
- Obesity, Cancers, Diabetes
- In Need of a New Model Of Convergence