

At-a-Glance Conference Schedule

Monday | April 28

(All sessions at NIC Conference Center unless noted.)
For session locations and details, download the conference app (page 3).

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m	Side Event: Nebraska's Agricultural Innovation Tour <i>(pre-registration required)</i> Sponsored by the Nebraska Corn Board, Midwest Dairy Association and Nebraska Soybean Board
1:30-3:30 p.m.	Side Session: From Field to Forum: Shaping COP30 Priorities on Water and Food Security
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Reception at The Scarlet Hotel, Well & Good Sponsored by Lindsay Corporation

Tuesday | April 29

7:00-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30-8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks
8:45-10:15 a.m.	Plenary I Water risk: How shifting irrigation patterns affect rural economies
10:30 a.m.-Noon	Concurrent Sessions I <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global Drought Management and Resilience: Moving Beyond UNCCD COP16• Circular bioeconomy in water and food: A model to minimize and valorize waste• Emerging perspectives on irrigation as a service for smallholder farmers
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch side session IWMI Stakeholder Lunch Engagement: Shaping the Commission on Water for Food Futures
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Plenary II Global Perspectives on Sustainable Water Management: Case studies from the Nile basin and Bahia, Brazil
2:45-4:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions II <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Artificial intelligence for climate smart solutions and resilient agriculture• Agro-climatic safety nets: Are they adequate and sustainable?• Global Lessons in Regenerative Agriculture: Transforming Landscapes and Livelihoods
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Heuermann Lecture Nourishing a Healthy Future: The Role of Irrigation in a Changing World
6:00-8:30 p.m.	Evening Reception (Agtech Showcase and Graduate Student Poster Competition) Sponsored by The Combine



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Wednesday | April 30

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7:30-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00-9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:15-10:15 a.m.	Plenary III Water, Innovation and Food Security: Assessing Current Realities and Charting our Path Forward
10:15-10:45 a.m.	Plenary IV Presenting the Third International Forum of the Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG) in Punta Cana in March 2026
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions III <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Novel Technologies to Increase Sustainable Yield and Water Use Efficiency• Workforce development in water and food: Training the next generation• The role of water tenure in achieving fair allocation of water for food
12:30-2:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:30-2:00 p.m.	Lunch side session The Third International WASAG Forum in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic – How to be involved
2:00-3:15 p.m.	View from the Field
3:30-5:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions IV <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building Drought Resilience: Advancing Risk Management Strategies Today with an Eye Toward the Future• Producing More With Less: Can Digital Innovation Turn the Dream into Reality?• Indigenous Communities and Water: Navigating Challenges and Ensuring Access
5:30-8:00 p.m.	Evening Reception (15th Anniversary Celebration) at Country Pines

*Shuttle service: 5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., NIC Conference Center to Country Pines and back
See page 4 for more details.*



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Thursday | May 1

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7:30-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00-10:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions V <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protecting Public Health Through Water Quality Management and Monitoring• Smallholder agricultural water management: Tackling myths, Moving forward• Irrigation Management: Advancements in Measuring Evapotranspiration and Crop Water Demand
10:45-11:00 a.m.	Flash Talk I Sponsored by LI-COR
11:00-11:15 a.m.	Flash Talk II Sponsored by LI-COR
11:15 a.m.-Noon	Plenary V Agronomic Solutions for Water-Resilient Agriculture and Sustainable Food Systems
Noon-12:30 p.m.	Closing
12:30-2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00-5:00 p.m.	Side Event: Nebraska Innovation Campus Tour (pre-registration required)

Friday | May 2

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **Side Event: Nebraska Agriculture Water Management Tour** (pre-registration required)
Hosted by the Nebraska Water Center

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