Please join us at the World Food Prize Foundation and the Des Moines Botanical Garden for an exciting collaboration and upcoming symposium this spring:

**Celebrating Crop Diversity: Connecting Agriculture, Public Gardens, and Science**

**Tuesday April 2 to Thursday April 4, 2019**

**Des Moines, Iowa**

**Hosts:** [World Food Prize Foundation](#) and [Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden](#)

Prepare to kick-off visionary strategies and achieve far reaching targets when we bring together plant breeding and industry, public-garden based crop wild relative research, education, and outreach and germplasm repository communities! Sessions will address target lists and collections networks, conservation and breeding applications, food security, and social justice, all while inspiring scientists and educators to change the crop wild relative issue in our own backyards and globally! Receive tools for collaborations to bring cutting edge science into exhibits, build urban community inclusion through agriculture, address interpretation and engagement between universities and their gardens, and engage community youth in programs that actually lead to careers in agriculture, horticulture, or natural resource science.

This rare opportunity is the result of a unique collaboration between the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, the American Public Gardens Association, and the World Food Prize Foundation.

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**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

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