

FORMER AGRICULTURE SECRETARY GLICKMAN TO KEYNOTE INFORMA'S WASHINGTON POLICY CONFERENCE

Informa Economics announced today that Former Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman will provide the keynote speech at this year's 19th conference that gets under way April 13th at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, Washington D.C.. "Informa is proud to be able to provide a keynoter with Secretary Glickman's vision and perspective," said Informa Economics Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Bruce Scherr. "Our purpose this year is to help public and private officials prepare for a very different type of farm policy debate in 2012. We have asked Secretary Glickman to dig back into his experience during earlier budget-cutting efforts and provide some guidance about what to expect for the 2012 debate—the similarities and differences between the two periods—and to distill realistic guidance for current conditions." His talk will be entitled, "*Lessons From History For the 2012 Budget Debate.*"

Glickman served as President Bill Clinton's Secretary of Agriculture from 1995 to 2001 and has continued to be extremely active in agricultural affairs since that time. He currently co-chairs a bipartisan initiative on global agriculture and hunger for the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, serves on the board of directors of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the Hain Celestial Group, and is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Glickman also is chairman of the education arm of the US Global Leadership Coalition. Prior to that, Glickman served as President of Refugees International and as Chairman and CEO of the Motion Picture Association of America, and was Director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. From 1976 to 1994, he represented Kansas' fourth congressional district.

Secretary Glickman's keynote address will be followed by talks from USDA Chief Economist Joe Glauber; Informa's Scherr; and a number of other well known experts. Following the keynote address will be sessions on the macroeconomy; the farm economy; the farm policy outlook; trade policy; the energy policy outlook; and the outlook for the Middle East. A detailed agenda is at www.informaecon.com.

More information and online registration are available at www.informaecon.com or call Informa Economics Senior Vice President Mark Jekanowski at 703-891-6305.

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