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CHARLESTON, IL--Continuing hunger in the midst of plenty will be the topic of World Food Day Teleconference aired by WEIU, Channel 51, Eastern Illinois University's television station.

The program will air live on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., according to Ken Beno, station manager. Rebroadcast times are 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Panelists, in the teleconference originating in Washington, will share contrasting views on the relationship between policy and practice in aid, trade and long term agricultural development.

Panelists will include Cecilia Lopez de Rodriquez, ambassador of Colombia to the Netherlands;

Dr. Muhammad Yunus, managing director of the Grameen Bank in Dhaka, Bangladesh;

And, Dr. Patricia Barnes-McConnell, director of the Michigan State University bean/cowpea collaborative research support program (CRSP).

Barnes-McConnell has conducted extensive research and on-site field work on food production in developing countries. She has also organized research between a multi-national team of scientists from the U.S. and from the Third World.

The Grameen Bank, managed by Yunus, makes small loans to the rural poor in Bangladesh in support of microenterprize development.

Ambassador de Rodriquez, an economist, is a planning expert in the area of Women in Development and in the field of social development.