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## 4-H Canada Unveils Impressive Keynote Speaker Lineup for Global Summit

**Ottawa, ON —April 7, 2017**— A renowned young inventor, a Canadian Olympian, a globally acclaimed motivational speaker and two prominent female executives—these are the impressive keynote speakers that will be headlining this summer's Global 4-H Network Summit in Ottawa, Canada.

Sharing the positive impact of 4-H in their lives as they offer insights and spark daily inspiration for delegates, will be four notable 4-H alumni; vice president at Great West Life and former Coca Cola executive, Krista Scaldwell; motivational speaker, War Amps champion and farmer, Chris Koch; DuPont executive and former deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Krysta Harden; as well as Canadian Olympic rower and law student, Cristy Nurse. Also joining the Global 4-H Network Summit stage—in her first 4-H experience—will be inventor, entrepreneur and member of Forbes 30 under 30 list, Ann Makosinski.

"The Global 4-H Network Summit is a celebration of positive youth development and this lineup of keynote speakers illustrates exactly why we have so much to celebrate! Their accomplishments and enthusiasm for 4-H, demonstrate the positive impact 4-H is making around the world," says Shannon Benner, 4-H Canada CEO and Chair of the Global 4-H Network Board of Directors

Welcoming more than 500 global 4-H youth, volunteers and professionals to the nation's capital from July 11-14, 2017, 4-H Canada is excited to deliver a four-day program that will unite, inspire and advance the 4-H movement in their common goal of positive youth development.

### **Global 4-H Network Summit Keynote Speaker Lineup**

## July 11— Community Engagement & Communications

Krista Scaldwell, Vice President, Great West Life

### July 12 — Science & Technology

Presenting Partner: Bayer

Ann Makosinski, Inventor and Entrepreneur, Makotronics

## July 13 — Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security

Presenting Partner: Syngenta

Chris Koch, Farmer and Founder, If I Can

#### July 14 — Environment & Healthy Living

Krysta Harden, Vice President of Public Policy & Chief Sustainability Office, DuPont

#### **Closing Event Keynote**

Cristy Nurse, Canadian Olympic Rower







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A detailed program, including biographies for keynote speakers', workshop presenters and full workshop descriptions, can be found at <u>global-4-h-network.com</u>.

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#### bout the Global 4-H Network Summit

The Global 4-H Network Summit will take place from July 11-14, 2017, with 500 4-H youth, professionals and volunteer leaders from around the world gathering in Ottawa, Canada. This event will bring together members of the global 4-H community—representing 7 million youth in 70 countries worldwide—to share resources and successes, grow the capacity of professionals and volunteer leaders in delivering world-class positive youth development programming, and empower 4-H youth as leaders and global citizens. To learn more about the Global 4-H Network Summit, please visit global-4-h-network.com and follow our Twitter and Instagram pages.

#### **About 4-H Canada**

For over 100 years, 4-H Canada has been one of the most highly respected positive youth development organizations in Canada. 4-H Canada has more than 24,000 members and nearly 7,400 volunteers. Our goal is to help young Canadians "Learn To Do By Doing" in a safe, inclusive and fun environment. We believe in nurturing responsible, caring and contributing leaders who are committed to positively impacting their communities across Canada and around the world. To learn more about 4-H Canada, please visit 4-h-canada.ca and follow our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

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