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## **Sense-T takes Tassie to the G8**

A Tasmanian program will take centre-stage when representatives from the world's eight wealthiest countries gather to discuss the pressing problem of global food security.

Sense-T Director Ros Harvey has been invited to speak at the G8 International Conference on Open Data for Agriculture in Washington DC on 29-30 April.

Ms Harvey will talk about how Sense-T is building an open data platform, where data is shared across government, business and communities. That data can be used to create apps to help people make better decisions - to help them do more with less.

"Big data isn't a new concept, but it's mostly been the domain of big business. Sense-T is bringing the power of big data to everyone. By sharing our data, we create a powerful knowledge infrastructure that can be used to run our economy, our environment and our communities more efficiently."

The G8 conference follows the G8 Summit last year when members committed to establishing a global platform where reliable agricultural data could be accessed. In particular, the focus is on access for farmers, researchers and policymakers in Africa, where food supply is a critical issue,

Ms Harvey said that while Sense-T is based in Tasmania, its work had national and international applications.

"Everyone is talking about big and open data, but there are huge challenges in making it happen. Sense-T doesn't have all the answers, but we've come a long way in developing a model that protects privacy, provides incentives for sharing information and drives economic, environmental and social benefits."

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### **About Sense-T**

Sense-T is the world's first economy-wide intelligent sensor network. Based in Tasmania, it combines advanced data analytics and modelling with real-time sensor data from across the state. Information will be available through easy-to-use apps to help businesses, governments and communities better manage their resources - to help them do more with less.

Sense-T is a partnership program between the University of Tasmania, the Tasmanian Government, CSIRO and IBM. It is also funded by the Australian Government through the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement. Sense-T establishes Tasmania as a centre for technology and research excellence, where shared data drives new approaches to social, environmental and economic sustainability that can be scaled cost-effectively elsewhere. Visit the Sense-T website at [www.sense-t.org.au](http://www.sense-t.org.au) for more information.