The Views from Washington and Ottawa: A Keynote in Two Parts

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Working Together
Like Canada, we are deeply committed to combating invasive species with a strategic, coordinated approach.

U.S. Focus on Invasive Species

Coordination and Resources

National Invasive Species Council
1999: Established by EO 13112
2016: Expanded membership (EO 13751)

Crosscut Budget
- Annual analysis informs our approach
- Encourages cooperation, maximizes resources
- Identifies trends in funding over time

Interagency Committees & IPM Centers
- Improve coordination across Federal Government
- Help us better connect with stakeholders
- Strengthen research and extension programs
Combating Invasive Species

- Prevention
- Early detection, rapid response
- Control and management
- Restoration
- Education and outreach

Align with USDA Goals
Strategic, holistic
Results-oriented

Research and Innovation

INTERNATIONAL WORK

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT
Future Challenges

The biggest challenge is that the invasive species problem will keep growing—and outpace our resources.

What Are We Up Against?

- More connected world, more pathways
- Patchwork of laws and funding
- Lack of public awareness
Success Stories

Working together, we can achieve powerful results.

International Efforts

- Plant Health Quadrilaterals
- Beyond the Border Action Plan
- Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International

CABI
New Opportunities

When we look at old approaches from a new angle, we find many ways to work smarter.

Proactive Outreach

New Audiences & Approaches

Public Awareness Campaigns

New Website:
invasivespeciesinfo.gov
Working Smarter

Data-Driven Approaches
Harnessing Data in New Ways
Non-Regulatory Solutions
Voluntary Programs

Questions?

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