



URBAN FOOD SYSTEMS SYMPOSIUM

Nourishing Cities in a Changing Climate



Dr. Elizabeth Mitcham Invited Presenter

Elizabeth Mitcham is director of the [Horticulture Innovation Lab](#), a USAID-funded program housed in the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of California, Davis, which advances fruit and vegetable research to support the needs of smallholder farmers in developing countries.

She joined the program as its associate director in 2009 and has served as the program's director since 2011. As director, Mitcham oversees the program as a whole and is responsible for external relations, strategic planning and financial management.

She also serves as a technical resource on horticulture and handling of produce after harvest to reduce postharvest losses. Mitcham joined the UC Davis faculty in 1992 as a UC Cooperative Extension specialist. She holds degrees in horticulture from the University of Maryland (Ph.D. and B.S.) and North Carolina State University (M.S.).

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