

USDA director to speak at UMKC

The potential for agriculture and other development in Northern Iraq

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George W. Aldaya, Director of the Kansas City Commodity Office at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), will speak at UMKC on Monday April 26, at 7 PM in Haag Hall 313.

Mr. Aldaya's talk comes a week after the USDA's conference in Kansas City which attracted more than 750 food aid experts. His presentation is entitled "The Potential for Agriculture and Other Development in Northern Iraq," and will cover what was done by the Oil for Food Program. Mr. Aldaya will address current conditions and discuss what the future needs and potential are.

Mr. Aldaya was an agricultural advisor to the coalition provisional authority in Iraq from Aug. 2003 through Feb. 2004. He has worked mainly in the Northern part of Iraq to help with the transition from the oil for food program, to assess project plans, and to assist the ministry of agriculture in prioritizing agricultural reconstruction.

This event is free and open to the public, and is co-sponsored by the UMKC Zeta chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE), the UMKC Economics Club, the UMKC Students for the Social Science Consortium, the UMKC Model United Nations, and the United Nations Association - Greater Kansas City (UNA-GKC) chapter.

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