



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
**Invites you to a presentation on Webinar, Oct 7 at 11:00 a.m.**  
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**Roberto Lenton**

## **"Food, Water and Global Development"**



During the last half century, the world has seen a remarkable evolution in global thinking and action around food, water and international development. Drawing on his personal experience, Roberto Lenton will offer his perspectives on this evolution and the people and institutions that played a key role in shaping it. Lenton will talk about the origins, in 1971, of the CGIAR Global Research Partnership, which has grown to become the world's largest global agricultural innovation network. It includes 15 international research centers in more than 70 countries, with a combined annual research portfolio of over \$900 million. He will discuss the role of water in agricultural development, describing the creation and evolution of the International Water Management Institute, the CGIAR center that focuses on the management of water for agriculture and other purposes. Finally, Lenton will consider present and future global challenges and how research institutions are reinventing themselves to meet them.

Roberto Lenton is Professor Emeritus, at the University of Nebraska and Chairman of the Board of the International Water Management Institute. A specialist in water resources and sustainable development with over 40 years of international experience, he earned a civil engineering degree from the University of Buenos Aires and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He is based in the United States and Spain.

Between the late 1970s and the mid-1990s, Lenton spent 15 years living and working on water and development issues in South Asia, initially as program officer in Rural Poverty and Resources with the Ford Foundation in New Delhi and later as director general of the International Water Management Institute in Sri Lanka. Subsequently, he held leadership positions in international policy and practice and R&D, serving as director of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Division of the United Nations Development Program in New York, chair of the Technical Committee of the Global Water Partnership, and most recently Founding Executive Director of the Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute at the University of Nebraska.

Lenton is a coauthor of *Applied Water Resources Systems*; a coeditor of *Integrated Water*

*Resources Management in Practice*; a lead author of the final report of the UN Millennium Project Task Force on Water and Sanitation and some 50 journal articles, conference papers and reports.

**Next Week: October 14, Joseph Cirincione**, a leading authority on nuclear policy and former president of Ploughshares Fund, a global security foundation, “**National Security and Nuclear Policy after the 2020 Election.**”

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