



Dear friends,

**In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, we are canceling the New Harvest 2020 conference scheduled to take place July 10 and 11 at the MIT Media Lab in Cambridge, Massachusetts.**

July is four months away, and it is possible that the spread of coronavirus might slow down by then. However, it might not. Out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to reduce uncertainty surrounding the event for everyone involved and make the call to cancel now.

We understand and share your disappointment. **We received over 80 programming suggestions** in response to our “elephant in the room” theme. The New Harvest community exceeded our already high expectations in how thoughtful and ambitious the submissions were.

So what now?

**If you purchased a ticket, submitted a programming suggestion, or applied to host a watch party, expect an email from us in the next couple of days.**

We still plan to address the elephants in the room in ways that allow us to remain socially close while physically distant. Ideas? Please reach out!

In the meantime, we look forward to convening the cell ag community at New Harvest 2021. Those dates are TBD, but you can expect for the event to be in the summer of 2021.

Thank you for your patience and support. Stay safe out there!

The New Harvest Team

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