

## **Presentation title**

'The challenges of feeding the world's population sustainably'

## **Biography**

Ian Cox, Innovation Lead, Agri-Tech Centres, Innovate UK



As Innovation Lead for the Agri-Tech Centres within the Agri-Food team at Innovate UK, Ian is leading the £100 million programme developing the four Centre's for Agricultural Innovation as part of the UK's Strategy for Agricultural Technologies. The Centres have in the three years of their existence built a series of unique leading edge assets, and are engaged in over 140 applied research projects with farmers, industry and academia, making the UK the go-to place for applied research and development in agriculture (<https://www.agritechcentres.com>).

Ian has also developed agri-tech funding calls with China. With a Degree in Microbiology from the University of Leeds, Ian also has an MBA from Sheffield Business School, and is both a Chartered Scientist and Chartered Biologist, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology.