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**Tamika Sims** is the Senior Director of Food Technology Communications at International Food Information Council. She is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, where she received her BS in Biology from Spelman College, MS in Biomedical Science (with an emphasis in Microbiology) from Georgia State University, and PhD in Virology and Immunology from Morehouse School of Medicine.

Tamika's graduate research focused on HIV pathogenesis, specifically focused on the ability of the HIV protein Nef to cause apoptosis (cell death) among immune system cells.

Prior to joining IFIC, Tamika was the Director of Human Health Policy for CropLife America (CLA) where she helped analyze the impact of regulatory initiatives on consumer health and the crop protection industry, including existing and emerging regulations under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act; the Clean Water Act; and the Endangered Species Act. Tamika also developed approaches for supporting policies that enabled farmers to access effective crop protection tools, such as through the submission of public comments, discussion with federal agencies and coordination with CLA member companies.

Before joining CLA, Tamika was the Director of Science and Research for the International Bottled Water Association where she was the chief staff liaison for the association's relationships and activities with various scientific, industry, government, and academic organizations and trade associations. She also managed the IBWA Environmental Sustainability Committee, the Packaging Subcommittee, the Virus/Microbial Subcommittee and IBWA's Drinking Water Research Foundation.

Previously, at Independent Project Analysis, she performed project management consulting and work process re-organization for major companies in the process industries (including chemicals, pharmaceuticals and consumer products).