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## Emerging Technologies for Global Food Security conference goes truly global with YouTube LIVE

Saskatoon, SK: The **Emerging Technologies for Global Food Security conference**, with the theme **Mobilization to the Developing World**, will be available for global audiences to watch LIVE via YouTube, anywhere in the world.

This international conference will bring 300 scientists, policy makers and industry representatives from 25 countries to Saskatoon, to discuss how to move innovations in agricultural research quickly, not only to the developed world, but to the developing world as well, in as little as four years from lab bench to field. The conference takes place June 14-16, 2016 at the Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, SK and is organized by the Global Institute for Food Security, in partnership with Ag-West Bio and the ABIC Foundation.

The conference livestream can be accessed at <http://conference.gifs.ca/LIVE>.

Dr. Maurice Moloney, Executive Director and CEO of the Global Institute for Food Security, says as the global population reaches 9 billion in the next 30 years, the question of how to feed everyone, everywhere, every day, becomes everyone's business. "This is a global discussion, if there ever was one. At this conference we've deliberately brought together the world's preeminent researchers, thinkers and policy makers on agriculture and the developing world to discuss the problem."

Conference speakers include well-known scientists and representatives from developing countries, such as **Ruth Oniang'o** and **Zeyaur Khan**, as well as researchers and policy advisors, including **Mark Lynas**, **Barbara Burlingame**, and **Sarah Gurr**. Industry speakers include **Neal Gutterson** from Dupont Pioneer and **Anne Roulin** from Nestle SA.

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, the public is invited to join an **IQ<sup>2</sup> Oxford-style debate moderated by Rex Murphy** on the question "*Is biotechnology necessary to deliver food security to 9 billion people?*"

"We're democratizing this conference so that even if you couldn't make it to the conference – say you're in an Ethiopian field or a lab in Norway – you can be part of what's happening at Emerging Technologies; you can take in a panel session or hear a keynote speaker. This is one of those problems that we will need to work together to solve, and our aim is to start a truly global discussion here," says Dr. Moloney.

Wilf Keller, president and CEO of Ag-West Bio, says this premier Emerging Technologies conference is an important step in developing the connections and conversations needed to find solutions to challenging issues. "This is indeed a 'first world problem'; for myriad reasons we need to care about what is happening in the developing world and help where we can. Ag-West Bio is excited to collaborate with GIFS and the ABIC Foundation to offer this great conference, and for this to be the place where a meaningful global conversation takes root, and grows."

For more information, please visit the [event website](#) | [View the program](#)

### Information attached:

Speaker Profiles

About The Emerging Technologies Conference, GIFS, Ag-West Bio, ABIC Foundation

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***About the conference:***

**Emerging Technology for Global Food Security: Mobilization to the Developing World**

June 14-16, 2016  
Delta Bessborough Hotel  
Saskatoon, SK

This international conference will feature 10 plenary speakers and 30 session speakers. Topics include new technologies, biodiversity, food security, sustainability, soil health, nutritional quality, collaborations and [more](#).

An IQ2 debate, moderated by [Rex Murphy](#), will tackle the topic: “Is biotech necessary to deliver food security to nine billion people?” with Mark Lynas, Jennifer Thomson, and Barbara Burlingame serving as panelists. The debate will be open to the public. <http://conference.gifs.ca/>

**The Global Institute for Food Security (GIFS)** facilitates research that will result in much needed technological, economic, nutritional, and environmental improvements to food supply to help tackle the problem of food security both at home and around the world. Located at the University of Saskatchewan, GIFS was established in December 2012 through the collaboration of its founding partners – PotashCorp, the Government of Saskatchewan, and the University of Saskatchewan (U of S), and works in areas of Seed Development and Biology, Root-Soil-Microbial Interactions, and Digital and Computational Agriculture. For more information, visit [www.gifs.ca](http://www.gifs.ca)

**Ag-West Bio** is Saskatchewan’s bioscience industry association. The company bridges research and commercialization in Saskatchewan by linking early-stage bioscience companies with the resources they need to bring their ideas to life. Ag-West Bio is funded by Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and Growing Forward 2, with support from Western Economic Diversification Canada and NRC-IRAP. [www.agwest.sk.ca](http://www.agwest.sk.ca)

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