



Emerging
Technologies
for Global
Food Security

Mobilization to the Developing World

June 14-16, 2016, Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon, SK
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Media Invitation: Rex Murphy will moderate a Public Debate June 14th at 3:30pm on whether GMO's are necessary for food security.

Over 300 scientists from 25 countries will be attending the public debate on whether we need biotechnology to feed the 9 billion people that will inhabit the planet by 2050. **This IQ² Oxford-style debate will be moderated by Rex Murphy, and will be open to the public.**

This debate is part of a larger conference on **Emerging Technologies for Global Food Security**, with a special focus on **Mobilization to the Developing World**. Among the conference delegates are leading scientists, policy makers and experts on developing world agriculture.

Media is invited to attend the debate as well as the **Emerging Technologies for Global Food Security Conference**.

The debate will tackle the question: ***"Is biotechnology necessary to feed 9 billion people?"***

Dr. Maurice Moloney, CEO and Executive Director of the Global Institute for Food Security believes that the question is one that needs to be debated openly among the scientists and food security experts that work in this area. "Opinions are divided on whether more traditional agricultural science will be able to meet the demands of a rapidly growing population, and the discussion is an important one, and one that the public needs to be involved in," says Moloney.

Rex Murphy, who will moderate the debate, adds "It's really heartening to see the revival of a more classical debate format to discuss such an important topic. Oxford-style debates have long history of facilitating respectful and intelligent discourse on complex and contentious issues, and this is certainly one of those," says Murphy.

This debate will be livestreamed to the public by The Western Producer and Glacier FarmMedia via <http://www.producer.com/GIFSCONF2016/>

Rex Murphy will take media questions after the debate. (Contact the media office for details.)

The conference as a whole will be livestreamed via YouTube LIVE <http://conference.gifs.ca/LIVE>

Further details:

To register as media for the event, see the [Emerging Technologies Conference Website](#) and use the media code **ET4GFSCMedia**

About the conference:

What: Conference on **Emerging Technologies for Global Food Security**, with a focus on **Mobilization to the Developing World**

Who: 47 international speakers, (keynote addresses, plenary sessions, 3 panels, and one public debate moderated by Rex Murphy); 300+ delegates

Where: Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

When: June 14 – 16th, 2016

Please visit the [Emerging Technologies Conference Website](#) for more information.

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Debate Participants
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