

ACE members

I have registered for this conference as I attended last year and found it very informative. I would ask that ACE consider sponsoring my attendance. The Canadian Climate Symposium 2015 theme is Food Security in a Changing Climate – Nov 12/13. I will prepare a report and identify a couple of ACE recommendations that influence London for Council's consideration. The information can also be shared with London's Agriculture committee.

The reasons why I think this conference is relevant to ACE are as follows –

- ACE specifically built climate change into its agenda and will benefit from current science information on this issue overall. Food systems are increasingly threatened by impacts of more frequent and disastrous severe weather events, disease and pest migration.
- ACE has been following the progress of London's food charter
- London has a new Food Council about to start up.
- London has numerous community interests on local food ie Middlesex-London Health Unit, Western, several community groups.
- The health unit is currently conducting a Middlesex-London Community Food Assessment: Community Survey in order to improve on our existing local food system in London region
- Food security is presently being addressed by the London Poverty Research Centre, the province, and a London Task Force on Poverty
- The Food Bank is taking an active interest in fresh food distribution
- Community gardens, markets, 'Eat Local' messages and CSAs continue to grow in this region to offer local food to the community – production and distribution of local food then support a local economy

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## Canadian Climate Symposium 2015

### Food Security in a Changing Climate - November 12, 13 – Ottawa

A one and a half day gathering to raise awareness, share knowledge and drive action to address food security in the face of a changing climate. The event's main objectives are to:

- Enhance levels of understanding about the impact climate change has on food (and seed) production, distribution, value, and life cycle management.
- Engage stakeholders from multi-sectors and jurisdictions to share evidence, strategies and solutions.
- Develop priorities and recommendations for action to help guide decisions and best practices that lead to more sustainable, safe, and nutritious food.

	MAIN THEMES	SUB THEMES
LAND	Droughts • Floods • Fires Seed Biodiversity Nutritional Quality Salinity Farming Practices	MITIGATION • ADAPTATION • RESILIENCE Risk Assessment Risk Management Infrastructure
OCEANS	Acidification Temperature Change	GHG Emissions Reduction Production Transportation Refrigeration
HUMAN FACTORS	Economics • Ecofiscal Health Impacts Social Impacts	Waste Management Bio Solutions Invasive Species Pest Management

NOTE: International and The North themes will pervade throughout the Symposium

### Confirmed Speakers

- Mr. Nicolas Chapuis, French Ambassador to Canada
- The Honourable Glen Murray, Ontario Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- Dr. Tom Pedersen, Chair, Canadian Climate Forum
- Mr. Ron Bonnett, President, Canadian Federation of Agriculture
- Mr. Robert Sandford, EPCOR Water Security Research Chair, United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment & Health
- Dr. Dave Sauchyn, Research Chair, Water Resources and Climate Change, University of Regina
- Dr. Susan Wood-Bohm, Executive Director, Biological GHG Management Program, Alberta Innovates – BIO Solutions / Climate Change and Emissions Management Corporation
- Dr. Richard Hebda, Adjunct Professor, Heritage Potatoes Climate Project / University of Victoria
- Dr. Laurie Chan, Research Chair, Toxicology and Environmental Health, University of Ottawa
- Dr. Don Lemmen, Research Manager, Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Division, Department of Natural Resources
- Ms. Geraldine Van Bibber, Chancellor, Yukon College, member of the Gwich'in First Nation
- Ms. Anne Hammill, Director, Resilience, International Institute for Sustainable Development
- Dr. R. Ian Perry, Research Scientist, Pacific Biological Station, Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Mr. Don McCabe, President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Past President of the Soil Conservation Council of Canada
- Dr. Karin Wittenberg, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, University of Manitoba
- Ms. Jane Rabinowicz, National Director, The Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security
- Dr. Brian Riddell, President and CEO, Pacific Salmon Foundation
- Mr. Ed Desson, Fisheries Manager, Nisga'a Lisims Government
- Prof. Tim Benton, Global Food Security Champion, Global Food Security Programme (UK)
- Dr. Lars-Otto Reiersen, Executive Secretary, Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme
- Dr. Hans Hurni, Founding President and Board Member, Centre for Development and Environment, University of Bern

DAY 1 • NOVEMBER 12		DAY 2 • NOVEMBER 13	
12:30 - 12:45	<i>Opening • Setting the Stage – Climate, Food and Societal Responses</i>	7:00 - 8:00	<i>Breakfast &amp; Registration</i>
12:45 - 1:45	<i>Session 1 • Agriculture – Adapting to an Uncertain Future</i>	8:00 - 8:05	<i>Opening</i>
1:45 - 1:55	<i>Break</i>	8:05 - 8:35	<i>Keynote • Honourable Glen Murray, Ontario Minister of Environment and Climate Change</i>
1:55 - 2:55	<i>Session 2 • Water – Past and Future</i>	8:35 - 9:00	<i>Federal Government TBD</i>
2:55 - 3:15	<i>Walking Break</i>	9:00 - 9:10	<i>Break</i>
3:15 - 3:55	<i>Session 3 • Can We Get to Resilient Sustainability?</i>	9:10 - 10:40	<i>Panel &amp; Group Discussion • Canadian Agriculture – Looking Forward</i>
3:55 - 4:00	<i>Break</i>	10:40 - 11:00	<i>Walking Break</i>
4:00 - 5:00	<i>Media Panel Event • “The Hill Times Events Policy Briefing Live! Climate Change”</i>	11:00 - 12:30	<i>Panel &amp; Group Discussion • Aquatic Protein – Past, Present and Future</i>
5:30 - 6:30	<i>Cocktail and Exhibition</i>	12:30 - 12:40	<i>Lunch Introduction • Executive Chef Kenton Leier, Westin Hotel</i>
6:30 - 8:30	<i>Dinner with Special Guest and Keynote • Monsieur Nicolas Chapuis, French Ambassador to Canada</i>	12:50 - 1:20	<i>Lunch Keynote • Prof. Tim Benton, UK Global Food Security Programme</i>
		1:30 - 2:30	<i>Panel • Food Security, the North and the Challenge of Seeds</i>
		2:30 - 2:35	<i>Break</i>
		2:35 - 3:05	<i>Group Discussion • Food Security, the North and the Challenge of Seeds</i>
		3:05 - 3:15	<i>Break</i>
		3:15 - 3:30	<i>Looking Ahead</i>
		3:30 - 3:45	<i>Summary Presentation</i>
		3:45 - 4:00	<i>Closing Remarks</i>

## Rates

- **\$399** – Symposium (includes all Symposium meals), “The Hill Times Policy Briefing Live! Climate Change” media panel event, Cocktail Reception & Dinner
- **\$320** – Member and Partner Preferred Rate (includes all Symposium meals), “The Hill Times Policy Briefing Live! Climate Change” media panel event, Cocktail Reception & Dinner
- **\$185** – Student and Retiree Rate (includes all Symposium meals), “The Hill Times Policy Briefing Live! Climate Change” media panel event, Cocktail Reception & Dinner
- **\$100** – Student and Retiree Rate (does not include Cocktail Reception & Dinner)
- **\$100** – Cocktail Reception & Dinner only on November 12th with Keynote Speaker M. Nicolas Chapuis, French Ambassador to Canada