

**Invitation to Press Conference*****"GMOs offer no solution  
to face Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and  
Global Food Crisis"*****Date:** Wednesday, 2 December 2009, 10.30 am**Venue:** Residence Palace, Passage Room

IFOAM EU Group invites you to a press conference with **Percy Schmeiser** (Canadian farmer, internationally known for his legal cases against the GMO company Monsanto), **Charles Benbrook**, (Organic Center, USA) and **Marco Contiero** from Greenpeace.  
Programme:

**10.30 Statements:**

**Charles Benbrook**<sup>1</sup>, Chief Scientist Organic Center, USA: *The broken promise - How GM crops lead to increased pesticide use*

**Percy Schmeiser**<sup>2</sup>, Farmer from Saskatchewan, Canada: *The Monsanto Case – How GMO companies threaten independent farmers*

**Marco Contiero**, Greenpeace EU GMO policy director: *Food Security and Climate Change – GMOs are part of the problem not a solution*

**Thomas Dosch**, Vice President IFOAM EU: *Organic smart food chains to deliver sustainable solutions to food security and environmental challenges*

**10.50 Questions and Discussion****11.45 End**

GMO-free production can deliver to all of our future's needs. GMO-free food is still the norm in Europe. Consumers and farmers refuse the use of GMOs as they expect rather negative than positive impacts on environment, health and socio-economic points.

GMO companies claim they could reduce pesticide use while feeding the world – examples from the US and Canada show that GMO do not benefit farmers neither environment on the long term. The IAASTD<sup>3</sup> and examples from organic farming show that there are many better alternatives to guarantee sustainable food security in a (climate-) changing world while protecting biodiversity and cultural diversity of farming and rural societies.

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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.agassessment.org/reports/IAASTD/EN/Agriculture%20at%20a%20Crossroads\\_Global%20Report%20\(English\).pdf](http://www.agassessment.org/reports/IAASTD/EN/Agriculture%20at%20a%20Crossroads_Global%20Report%20(English).pdf)