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**IGTC**  
International Grain Trade Coalition

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Next week: IGTC President Gary Martin will be in Rome and Geneva to promote the Coalition's work supporting the global trade of grains, oilseeds, pulses and other agri-bulks. Corporate Stakeholders are encouraged to participate in a briefing session in Geneva on May 10. Other partners reached will include UN agencies, WTO and World Bank.

## Events

### IGTC Strategy Session June 13, London

We hope you can join the global delegation of grain trade leaders that have already confirmed their participation in the IGTC's Strategy Session on June 13 in London! Secure your place at the meeting by registering [here](#).

### 20% IGTC discount: IGC Conference, June 14, London

Obtain your 20% discount on attendance at the IGC conference 'Changing dynamics: the new trading environment'

### New Plant Breeding Techniques

Dr. Teresa Babuscio, IGTC Vice President and Secretary General of COCERAL, has given an EU press interview on plant breeding regulation and how this affects global trade flows. The article, which can be read [here](#) on the Euractiv website, gives perspectives and information about the current situation in Europe and beyond, with a special focus on new breeding techniques. The Vice President highlights how work is underway with the International Grain Trade Coalition "to encourage regulators across the globe to come together on predictable, coherent and harmonised regulatory approaches", in order "to secure the good functioning of trade and the full enjoyment of the economic and social benefits accruing from trade flows".



### World Bank – request for input



Are you impacted by rules and regulations on agricultural markets and the functioning of agribusinesses? Then the IGTC would like to hear from you! We are calling for participants to collaborate with the World Bank on its [Enabling the Business of Agriculture \(EBA\)](#) project, which analyzes and monitors the regulatory barriers to business and trade. As part of the project, we are looking for knowledgeable stakeholders to respond to the

World Bank survey on the obstacles they face when producing, marketing and exporting grains. Please contact the IGTC [secretariat](#) for details.

### WTO tackles electronic trade certificates



The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) of the WTO is engaging its member governments in deeper discussions on electronic documents for trade, specifically SPS certification. The overall objective of the work, which includes a [seminar on June 28](#) in Geneva, is to raise awareness of the opportunities and the challenges related to the implementation of electronic SPS certification systems. The IGTC has been specifically requested to participate in the 28 June

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seminar, concept note [here](#). In addition, the IGTC has been given a seat on the Industry Advisory Group of the STDF and IPPC regarding the establishment of a global 'ePhyto hub'.

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