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International Grain Trade Coalition

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**Don't miss!** The IGTC's next General Assembly and Strategy Session will take place on 8 November, 2016 in Geneva. We welcome grain trade representatives from around the world to attend our event. Please register [here](#).

## Events

### **August 30- September 2: Global Trade Exchange, Indianapolis, Indiana USA**

The U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) and the Midwest Shippers Association (MSA) are hosting their signature event known for its value as well as its exclusive access to qualified international buyers. Link [here](#).

### **September 9: International Grains Council (IGC) Markets Conditions Committee**

The IGTC will give a report on "Current Developments in Policy and Trade Practice" to the 27 member countries and observers of the IGC at its Market

## IGTC in Action

### **IGTC policy documents: LLP and plant breeding innovation**

Two new IGTC policy documents have been approved this week by IGTC Management Council: on low level presence and plant breeding innovation. The documents form part of the IGTC's wider advocacy strategies on these files, enabling the global grain trade to speak with one voice on common priorities, and provide advice on the commercial requirements and economics of the world's food, feed and processing industries. As always, more information can be found at the IGTC's virtual home [igtglobal.org](http://igtglobal.org).



- The plant breeding innovation policy is [here](#)
- The LLP policy is [here](#)

## It only takes a minute! IGTC poll on electronic trade documentation



The IGTC is working to better communicate the story of how industry innovation and global uptake of electronic trade documentation is evolving. In order to assist us, we ask participants to complete our brief [online poll](#) to help us assess uptake of electronic trade documentation and future adoption rates. IGTC is also asking for support from its participants to respond to a questionnaire on the use of electronic phytosanitary certificates to support our work with the WTO and IPPC on a global ePhyto hub. The questionnaire is [here](#), we ask for responses by 19 August. In all cases, information submitted will be seen by only the IGTC Secretariat and treated as strictly confidential.

## Cartagena Biosafety Protocol: Draft Ministerial Declaration

The [draft Ministerial Declaration](#) for the Cancun COP-MOP meetings has been published online and participants are asked for comments before 12 September. Under the title

Conditions Committee meeting in London.

## September 19-23: EWG on ISPM for grain, Melbourne, Australia

The IPPC's 1st meeting of the Expert Working Group (EWG) for the International Movement of Grain (ISPM) will be attended by a select group of governments and industry representatives, including Dr. Marcel Bruins, IGTC Senior Science Advisor.

## Links

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“Mainstreaming the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity for Well-Being”, the document commits Ministers to 15 actions on issues including: strengthening the regulatory framework for private sector activities that have an impact on biodiversity; encouraging SCP throughout value chains; use of certification schemes; access to markets for sustainable products; and biotrade.

## China and Argentina launch joint project on biotech regulation



The 6th meeting of the Chinese and Argentine Working Group on Biotechnology at the end of July saw the launch of a joint ‘practical exercise’ between the two governments on regulatory cooperation, which will involve a joint assessment of a drought and herbicide resistant variety of soy. Full story [here](#) (in Spanish).

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