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Invitation: You are invited to join the IGTC's next General Assembly and Strategy Session 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

ePhyto questionnaire – call for responses

IGTC is asking for support from its participants to respond to a questionnaire on the use of electronic phytocertificates. Responses to the questionnaire will be treated confidentially and will help inform our work with the IPPC/WTO on a global ePhyto Hub, the ultimate aim of which is to contribute to a more transparent, secure, cost-efficient electronic system where all parties benefit from productivity improvements. The questionnaire is [here](#), we ask for responses to be sent to secretariat@igtglobal.org by **19 August**.



Cartagena Biosafety Protocol: Mexico registrations open



Nominations are open for global grain trade actors to join the IGTC delegation at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the concurrent Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, taking place at the Moon Palace Convention Centre, Cancún, Mexico from 4-17 December 2016. Those wishing to be nominated to join the IGTC delegation should contact the IGTC Secretariat by **19 August**:

secretariat@igtglobal.org

WTO: Resist protectionism, "get trade moving again" for economic growth

WTO DG Roberto Azevêdo has urged against policies based on "anti-trade rhetoric", highlighting in his mid-year Trade Monitoring Report that an average of 22 new trade-restrictive measures have been introduced per month – the highest average since 2011. According to Azevêdo, this increase could have a "chilling effect on trade flows, with knock-on effects for economic growth and job creation". The WTO chief added that the world is experiencing the weakest 5-year period of trade growth since the 1990s. The full mid-year report, including specific chapters on agriculture, can be read [here](#).

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.

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