



October 13, 2016

To: Suzanne Heinen, Minister-Counselor – U.S. Mission, Geneva  
James Higgiston, Minister-Counselor – USEU Agriculture, Brussels

CC: Mark Smith, USDA/FAS/GMD  
Gary C. Martin, President and CEO, NAEGA/IGTC  
Katy Lee, Acting Secretariat, IGTC

From: Ryan Olson, Director of Operations, NAEGA

Notice to Post–MAP Travel to Geneva and Brussels, November 6-12, 2016

In compliance with USDA Market Access Program (MAP) Regulations, please accept this Notice to Post regarding upcoming MAP travel to Geneva, Switzerland and Brussels, Belgium for Gary C. Martin, President and CEO of NAEGA and President of the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC).

Consistent with advancing NAEGA UES objectives, Mr. Martin will be traveling to Geneva and Brussels on November 6-12, 2016. In Geneva, Mr. Martin will lead activities that further NAEGA's UES objectives via the IGTC, including:

- On November 7 and 11, he will conduct outreach with key government officials, and IGTC corporate stakeholders.
- On November 8 He will preside over the IGTC's General Assembly, where key decisions on governance, membership and leadership of the Coalition will be taken. A draft agenda for the General Assembly is attached.
- On November 8 He will guide discussions between IGTC participants from around the world in a Strategy Session focusing on a number of developments in policy, including phytosanitary issues and the forthcoming ISPM on grain from the IPPC and the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol, which will be negotiated at the COP-MOP meetings this coming December 4-17 in Cancún, Mexico. A draft agenda for the Strategy Session is attached.

In Brussels, he will attend the Industry Advisory Group (IAG) meeting of the IPPC's ePhyto Hub. Along with other international organizations and industry representatives, such as seeds and horticultural products, the IGTC is working closely with the IPPC on the development of an ePhyto Hub that would provide for the electronic transmission of phytosanitary certifications in international trade. A preliminary agenda for this meeting is attached.

While in Geneva and Brussels Mr. Martin welcomes the opportunity to meet FAS staff to discuss this mission and other concerns related to NAEGA UES.



This trip will be funded in part by our MAP allocation, under activity code M16GXWORLD. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email at [rolson@naega.org](mailto:rolson@naega.org), or by calling 202-682-4030.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Olson", is displayed on a light-colored rectangular background.

Ryan Olson  
Director of Operations, NAEGA

Attached:

- Draft Agenda: IGTC General Assembly
- Draft Agenda: IGTC Strategy Session
- Preliminary Agenda: IPPC ePhyto Hub IAG
- Invitation: WTO Seminar: The grain trade's contribution to global food security and economic development