



**IGTC**  
International Grain Trade Coalition

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### You are invited! IGTC Strategy

**Session June 5, London:** The next IGTC Strategy Session will take place on Monday, 5 June in London. The meeting will be followed by two optional events on 6 June: the 2017 Gafta dinner and the [annual IGC conference](#) – a discount for IGTC participants is available for both. Please [contact the IGTC Secretariat](#) to obtain your discount code.

## Events

### April 5-11: IPPC Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Incheon, Republic of Korea

The annual ‘parliament’ of the IPPC – the CPM – takes place this year in Korea and will see the 182 contracting Parties to the IPPC make decisions on the new ISPM on seeds, as well as governance and budgetary matters. There is also a special session on ‘e-Commerce’. The agenda for the meeting is [here](#). The list of IPPC countries is [here](#).

### April 10-12: Canadian Global Crops

## IGTC in action

### Outreach in China



IGTC was featured in many successful meetings by Gary C. Martin, IGTC President, in Beijing last week. Much of his time was focused on promoting IGTC engagement to facilitate global trade of grains, oilseeds and other agri-bulks for food, feed, and processing in the context of China’s value chain.

Meetings with IGTC Corporate Stakeholder COFCO and Member CNAGS regarding participation and support from both were much appreciated. Very informative meetings with the leadership of potential IGTC partner organization [www.idmni.org](#) provided for new information in China’s approach to multinational institutions. Closing out the week Gary hosted a ‘China Grain and Oilseed Reception’ on Friday with grain trade and government colleagues from China and other countries around the world. Overall, the mission represented a significant step in forwarding the IGTC’s global outreach via improved balance in geographical participation and increased leadership on key files.

### Global Low Level Presence Initiative 2017

The Global Low Level Presence Initiative (GLI) annual event is taking place from 14-15 June at the UN FAO Head Quarters in Rome. Grain trade leaders interested in being nominated to attend as part of the IGTC delegation are asked to write to [secretariat@igtglobal.org](mailto:secretariat@igtglobal.org) by Friday, 28th April.

Current GLI members are Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Mexico, Paraguay, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, United States, Uruguay and Vietnam. Observers are China, EU, Malaysia and Peru.



### Argentina lined up to join ePhyto Hub pilot

## Symposium, Calgary, Canada

Canada Grains Council (CGC) will help lead this important yearly event, with a focus on the future diversification and growth of Canada's crop-based agriculture. The international audience will hear insights from key speakers across the agrifood value chain, as well as partners Rabo AgriFinance and the Canadian Government's negotiating team on agriculture. Website [here](#).

## April 20: Eastern Africa Grains Council (EAGC) Annual Members' Meeting, Nairobi, Kenya

Elections for the new EAGC President and discussions on regional grain trade priorities will be just two highlights on the agenda at this annual meeting. EAGC has kindly given IGTC the chance to present on its priorities at international level.

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Argentina has now joined the 10 other countries that plan to participate in the IPPC-WTO ePhyto Hub pilot in 2017, it has been confirmed. The addition of Argentina follows the development of ePhytos in the country at local level, and a visit by the IPPC to the city of La Plata in October 2016 ([full story here](#)).



Technical specifications for the Hub have now been finalised and it is expected that countries with existing national systems which have committed to participating in the pilot will be able to begin exchanges of electronic phytosanitary certificates by the third quarter of 2017. The IPPC is expected commission a report into the business plan of the Hub, focussing on costs and benefits; and a sustainable funding plan.

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