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Dates for your diary: The latest edition of the IGTC calendar is out now ([click here](#))- don't miss out on important global events! Have we missed anything? Contact the [Secretariat](#) to add a listing.

Events

August 2-4: Australian Grains Industry Conference – Melbourne, Australia

AGIC has established itself as the must attend event for senior executives, traders and others interested in the Australian grains industry. On 3rd August, the IGTC will give a presentation on the theme "Global grain industry working together to facilitate trade" (Conference [link here](#)).

August 17: APEC High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology - Can Tho, Viet Nam, Vietnam

Through the HLPDAB, policy makers develop regulatory frameworks, facilitate technology transfers, encourage investment and strengthen

IGTC in Action

IGTC working together on the ISPM for grain

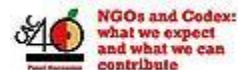


The UN's [International Plant Protection Convention](#) (IPPC) has reached a crucial stage in the drafting of its forthcoming "International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures" (ISPM) on the movement of grain. Once finalized, the ISPM will affect shipments of grain from the 183 government "Parties" to the

Convention, and will therefore have a significant impact on grain trade operations worldwide. The IGTC's Policy Team on the ISPM has provided outreach material for the whole network to adapt and use in conversations with their own governments. IGTC participants from countries including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Europe, Kenya, Mexico and USA have already committed to raising awareness of grain trade priorities. We strongly request all IGTC to support us in this global effort. For more information you can contact the IGTC's Team Lead and Chief Science Advisor Dr. Marcel Bruins via Secretariat@igtglobal.org.

Codex Commission event on NGOs - Geneva, Switzerland

Last week the IGTC featured on the panel at a side event entitled "NGOs and Codex: what we expect and what we can contribute" ([e-flyer here](#)). The event took place under the auspices of the 40th annual Codex Commission. Among other priorities, the IGTC highlighted the importance of science-based decision making as key for trade-enabling policy solutions that support predictable and resilient grain supplies.



Our work with the World Trade Organization (WTO) on e-Certs

The WTO has published new promotional material ([here](#)) on its e-Phyto Hub project: the global initiative that aims to make it easier for countries - especially those with limited resources - to start transmitting electronic phytosanitary certificates.

On page 3 of the publication, the role of the **International Grain Trade Coalition is referenced**, given our continued contribution to the successful piloting of the project, along with donor



public confidence in biotechnology in order to increase agricultural productivity and to protect the environment, with the ultimate objective of promoting food security.

September 6: IGTC plant breeding innovation Team call – Virtual

Team Lead Dr. Teresa Babuscio will guide discussions. To join the Policy Team, contact the [Secretariat](#)

September 7: IGTC MRL Policy Team call - Virtual

Team Lead June Arnold will guide discussions To join the Policy Team, contact the [Secretariat](#)

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agencies and other industry associations. The WTO publication also gives data on how e-Certs have helped increase government revenue in Kenya, and highlights that “lack of certainty in the issuing and acceptance of SPS certificates is a barrier to inclusive trade”, especially in developing countries.

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