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**IGTC**  
International Grain Trade Coalition

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## Events

### July 10-12 Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals - Geneva, Switzerland

The UN's sub-committee of experts will meet for final discussions on "dust explosion hazards". Industry representatives will be present. Agenda [here](#).

### July 11: IGTC Policy Team call on plant breeding innovation - Virtual

The IGTC's Policy Team, bringing together 27 global grain trade leaders, will share ideas on how to contribute

### Welcome to the Ukrainian Grain Association!



We welcome the Ukrainian Grain Association, UGA, as the IGTC's newest trade association member. The UGA's founding charter, signed in 1998 in Kiev, is [here](#). We thank Mr. Nikolay Gorbachov, UGA President, for his in-person contributions at the IGTC's June 5th Strategy Session in London, when discussions were held on plant breeding methods and phytosanitary control measures, among other issues. We look forward to gaining insights from Nikolay and his team as we work together to contribute to a better global trading environment. The IGTC's full membership list is [here](#).

### IGTC in action

#### ePhyto meetings, D.C.

The IGTC was joined by representatives of global trade flows including seeds, potatoes and fresh produce for meetings on electronic phytosanitary certificates in Arlington and Washington D.C. on June 27-28. The meetings were led by the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), the UN body that is leading a pilot project on the exchange of "ePhytos", with the involvement of 15 countries including Argentina, Australia, China, USA, Netherlands and Egypt. The technology to allow National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) to exchange ePhytos is currently being tested and the pilot will officially be up and running by September 2017. An outreach session was also conducted with D.C. Embassies from around the world, during which the President of IGTC Gary C. Martin gave a presentation, raising awareness of the potential benefits for the trade of digitization, including increased efficiency, cost reduction and more secure transactions.



#### IGTC President visit to Geneva

towards a better global trading environment.

## **July 12: Transitioning from paper-based to automated SPS systems - WTO Aid for Trade Review - Geneva, Switzerland**

WTO DG Roberto Azevêdo and FAO DG José Graziano da Silva will lead this high-level event as part of the biennial Aid for Trade review. World Bank and the Government of Australia will also be on the panel. [Agenda here](#).

## **July 19: Codex Commission event on NGOs - Geneva, Switzerland**

The IGTC will feature on the panel at a side event entitled “NGOs and Codex: what we expect and what we can contribute”. The event takes place under the auspices of the 40th annual Codex Commission.

## **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](#)).

As part of the IGTC’s 2017 membership and recruitment programme, IGTC President Gary C. Martin was in Geneva at the end of last month to update Corporate Stakeholders and other international partners on the activities of the Coalition. In addition, information was given on the IGTC’s plans to amend and implement a new Business Plan from 2018, with the aim of strengthening governance structure, amplifying the global conversation about the IGTC’s aims and priorities.



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