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IGTC
International Grain Trade Coalition

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Preferential IGTC rates for London

events: Contact secretariat@igtglobal.org to obtain your member rate tickets for the IGC annual conference (June 19-20) and the Gafta London dinner (June 19). The IGTC Strategy Session is on June 18 and is cost-free to attend.

Events

March 20 and 22: Australian Grains Industry Conference (AGIC) 2018 - Bangkok, Thailand and Shanghai, China

Attendees will be presented with a complete update on the Australian crop outlook, trade flows, crop quality report and supply chain developments. Click [here](#) for the event website.

March 26-28: Canadian Global Crops Symposium - Toronto, Canada

Visit www.canadiancrops.ca for information about the programme and eminent speakers at this high-profile annual event.

April 3: Plant breeding innovation Policy Team Call

IGTC in Action

IGTC attendance at International Grains Council (IGC) Market Conditions Committee



IGTC President Gary C. Martin (NAEGA) and Management Council member Iliana Axiotiades (COCERAL) were in London

last week (6th March) to represent the Coalition at the Market Conditions Committee of the International Grains Council (IGC). The IGTC President provided an update on IGTC current opportunities and priorities for government representatives at the meeting. The IGTC briefing paper circulated to IGC can be read [here](#).

The IGC is a government-to-government organization of 55 members with trade facilitation at the core of its mandate. The twice-yearly IGC Market Conditions Committee (MCC) meetings provide an opportunity for governments to update each other on market and trade forecasts, as well as policy developments.

The IGC's [annual conference](#) brings together hundreds of government representatives and industry stakeholders from around the world. The 2018 conference will take place on 19-20 June, IGTC members and Corporate Stakeholders wishing to access the beneficiary rate should contact secretariat@igtglobal.org

Call for participation: World Bank Enabling the Business of Agriculture

As part of the ongoing collaboration between the IGTC and the World Bank Group's Enabling the Business of Agriculture (EBA) project (eba.worldbank.org), IGTC members have been invited to contribute their knowledge and expertise to the 2019 report.



The report will analyze and monitor regulations that impact the functioning of agribusiness and agricultural markets in 82 countries around the world. The resulting EBA data will be a useful tool when advocating for regulatory reforms to enable market access.

Please contact secretariat@igtglobal.org if you wish to be involved.

Team Lead Kevin Bosc (COCERAL) will guide discussions. To join the Policy Team, contact the [Secretariat](#)

April 16-20: IPPC Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-13) - FAO, Rome, Italy

The IGTC will act as an Observer at this annual meeting of the 183 governmental 'Contracting Parties' to the IPPC.

June 18: IGTC Strategy Session - London, UK

Global grain trade leaders will gather to discuss issues of mutual interest as per the IGTC policy and outreach agenda. Gafta will be our hosts at this important event.

Links

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[IGTC list of members](#)



Image: World Bank. 2017. Enabling the Business of Agriculture 2017

ePhytos: Grain trade national and regional focal points

IGTC member association the China National Association of the Grains Sector (CNAGS) has agreed to be the IGTC focal point and liaison in Beijing. The updated list of IGTC focal points is as follows:



- Argentina: Chambers of oil industry and cereals exporters (CIARA and CEC)
- Australia: Grain Trade Australia (GTA)
- China: China National Association of the Grains Sector (CNAGS)
- Kenya (Eastern Africa): Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC)
- Netherlands (EU): European association of cereals, oils, fats, feedstuffs and agro-supply (COCERAL)
- USA: North American Export Grain Association (NAEGA) and US Grains Council

The IGTC's ultimate aim is to ensure a system that works for the grain trade and interoperability with commercial transactions.

The 'live' webpage of countries sending and receiving ePhytos is here:

<https://hub.ephytoexchange.org/AdminConsole/index.html?#nppolist>

Image: NGFA

Colombia: WTO notification on innovative plant breeding techniques



The Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario (ICA - Colombian Agricultural Institute) has notified the WTO of the proposed resolution: "establishing the procedure applicable to a cultivar where innovative plant-breeding techniques deriving from modern biotechnology have been used at some stage of the plant-breeding process, and the end product does not contain foreign genetic material".

WTO member governments are able to make comments on the draft resolution before 27 April, 2018.

The link to the WTO notification and supporting documents from the Colombian Ministry of Agriculture is here: <http://bit.ly/2HBTGc8>

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