

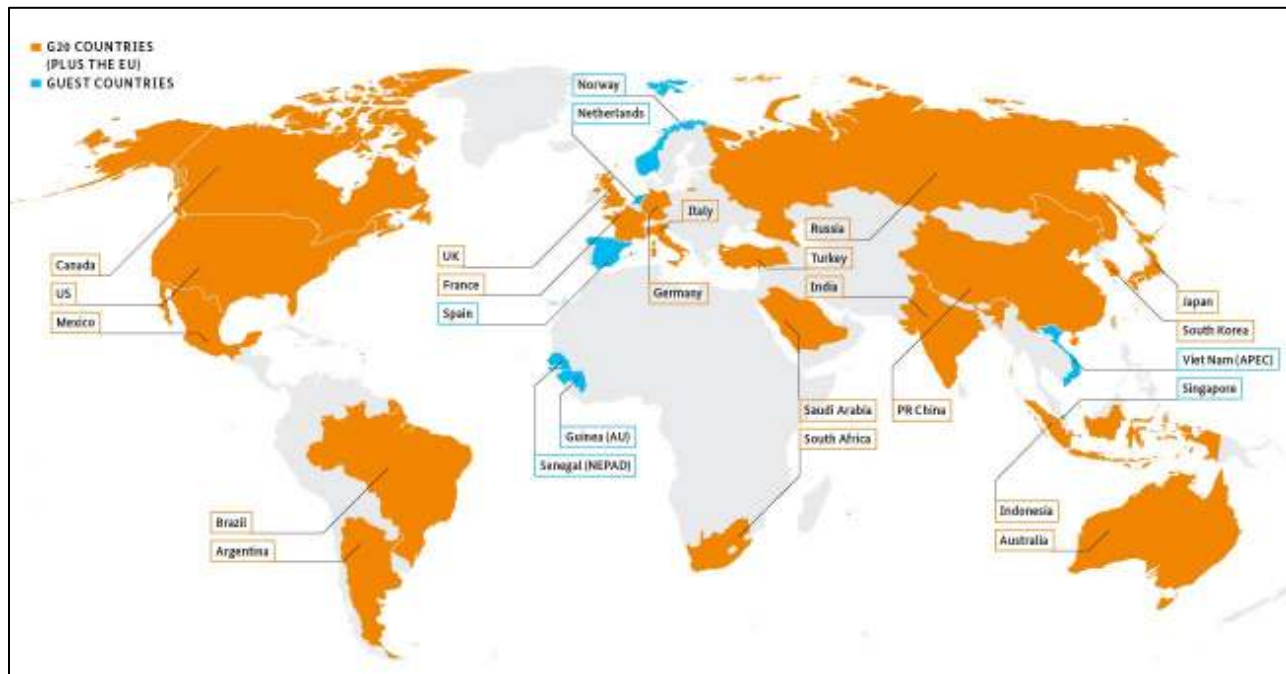


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Member Notices & Opportunities:

Welcome to Mariya-Khrystyna Koziy – NAEGA Geneva Envoy



Please join us in welcoming Mariya-Khrystyna Koziy to the NAEGA team! Based in Geneva, Switzerland, Mariya will support the work of NAEGA in achieving its goals and priorities while bringing an international perspective and strengthening cooperation with local international institutions and stakeholders. She will also be providing updates on events in Geneva, the first of which can be found in the News section of this edition of OUTREACH.

For the past four years, Mariya has been working at the Economic Affairs Division of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to International Organizations in Geneva. In her work, she ensured national cooperation with the WTO, International Trade Centre (ITC) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), among others, in the field of agriculture trade and negotiations, trade facilitation, support to MSMEs and women economic empowerment. Between November 2020 – June 2021, she served as a facilitator for negotiations on the market access pillar within the process launched by the Chair of the WTO Committee on Agriculture in Special Session. While working at the USAID Trade Policy Project in Ukraine, Mariya assisted the Government during the first WTO Trade Policy Review of Ukraine and actively participated in the development of the first Export Strategy of Ukraine. Mariya has also worked on international trade law and policy matters at ITC and WTO in Geneva.

Mariya is a Board Member of the Committee on International Trade Law at the Ukrainian Bar Association and takes an active part in its activities. She holds a master's degree in International

Relations from the National University of Kyiv, Ukraine, and an LL.M. in International Economic Law and Policy from the University of Barcelona, Spain, IELPO Programme.

Featured Events

NAEGA-NGFA Pacific Northwest Regional Industry Workshop – October 19, 2022

[You are invited to register here](#) for the NAEGA and the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA) in-person and virtual Pacific Northwest Regional Industry Workshop at the [Portland Merchants Exchange in Portland, Oregon on](#) Wednesday, October 19, 2022 from 8:30am-3:30pm Pacific Time. There is no cost to attend this event. Presenters include the U.S. Coast Guard, USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service and Animal Plant & Health Inspection Service, and Washington State Department of Agriculture. If you have any suggestions for guest speakers or topics to cover, or any other questions, please contact Patrick at phayden@naega.org for details.

NAEGA and NGFA thank United Grain for their sponsorship of this event.

ICDR Webinars on Arbitration

The Young and International (Y&I) group of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) is hosting two upcoming webinars of potential interest to arbitrators:

- September 30, 2022: [Being a South Asian Woman in Arbitration](#)
- October 20 2022: [Webinar: Arbitration and Web3 Disputes: Cryptocurrencies, NFTs, Metaverse and Smart Contracts](#)

Both events are free and open to all. Registration information is linked above.

IGC Webinar on South America

The International Grains Council will hold a webinar on the South American soyabean and maize production outlook on Thursday, September 29th 2022 from 7:30am-10:30am Eastern Time. NAEGA members are welcome to [register for this free event here](#).

Information Services:

Trade and Global Food Security Library

Several new entries related to global food security and the G20 were posted this week to the [NAEGA Trade and Global Food Security Library](#).

The Library is constantly being updated with reports on initiatives related to food systems, trade and global food security as well as outcomes from the UNFSS. The recent entries include the text of U.S. President Joe Biden's speech to the U.N on the conflict in Ukraine and a policy brief presented to the G20 on "Repurposing Agricultural Policy Support to Meet Global Climate and Food Security Goals".

NAEGA members can access the Library through [the Trade and Global Food Security](#) page on the NAEGA website. If you have a NAEGA Member's Only website login, you should not have any issues accessing the site at its new address. If you need login credentials, or are having any trouble logging in, please let Patrick know.

Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange (PBIE)

There are currently 2588 transgenic products from approximately 391 unique transgenic events 481 gene edited products in the [NAEGA PBIE](#).

Developed by and at the request of membership, the PBIE contains detailed information on commercialized and pre-commercialized gene-edited and transgenic seeds used to produce the crops you use and market. Currently, only NAEGA members have access to this unique tool. As part of membership your company is allowed up to five unique users for the PBIE at no cost. To gain access NAEGA Member representatives send the names and email addresses of designated company users to Patrick at phayden@naega.org. Each designated person is provided unique login information and instructions on use of the platform. Please let us know if you have any questions!

U.S.-Canada Grain Trade Website

Your comments and advice are welcome in response to the U.S.-Canada Grain Trade Resources website: <https://uscanadagrainsite.org/>. The public website is intended to facilitate trade between Canada and the U.S. and inform future NAEGA actions. The site contains question and answer modules for [American](#) and [Canadian](#) grain producers, as well as the [commercial grain trade](#), and will be updated regularly. Users are encouraged to review the modules and submit additional questions, which may be included in future updates.

Recent Actions:

CFTC Agricultural Advisory Committee

Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) has appointed [Steve Strong of Bunge, a Member of the Board of Directors](#), to serve as NAEGA's representative on CFTC's the Agriculture Advisory Committee (AAC) of the, following his nomination in early September. This will be Steve's third time representing NAEGA on the AAC, and we thank him for his willingness to serve.

Letter in Support of Nominee for Chief Agricultural Negotiator at USTR

NAEGA joined a broad coalition of industry partners [in submitting a letter to the U.S. Senate](#) in support of quick action to approve Doug McKalip to serve as Chief Agricultural Negotiator at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). McKalip's nomination was approved by the U.S. Senate Finance Committee earlier this month. A vote on his nomination has not yet been scheduled.

NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting

The NAEGA Board of Directors met on Thursday, September 15 in Arlington, VA and via MS Teams. Guest Speakers USDA Foreign Agriculture Service Administrator Dan Whitley and NGFA President & CEO Michael Seyfert discussed priorities and actions of their organizations with consideration for NAEGA interests.

The Board also heard reports from NAEGA Committee leadership and Staff and will meet again on a date to be determined in October. Draft meeting minutes will be posted to the NAEGA Member's Only website.

NAEGA Production Technology Committee Meeting

NAEGA's Production Technology Committee met on Tuesday, September 13. S&P Global, which operates NAEGA's Precision Biotechnology Information Exchange (PBIE), provided the Committee with an update on trends in transgenic and gene-edited seeds and on future marketing of the PBIE. The Committee also discussed key issues facing industry, including a new variety of transgenic wheat. If you are not a member of the Committee and are interested in learning more, please contact Gary or Patrick.

NAEGA Washington Representatives Meeting

NAEGA Staff met with Washington D.C.-based NAEGA Member Representatives on Wednesday, September 14. The meeting provided an opportunity to reconnect in person and for staff to provide a briefing on NAEGA priorities and activities, including the NAEGA Trade & Global Food Security Library, the Plant & Biotechnology Information Exchange and other NAEGA initiatives.

Taiwan Goodwill Reception

NAEGA joined U.S. Grains Council, U.S. Soybean Export Council and U.S. Wheat Associates in hosting a reception honoring the Taiwanese Agricultural Goodwill Mission on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. The delegation included representatives from across Taiwan's agricultural sector and was led by Dr. Ching-Cheng Huang, Deputy Minister of [Taiwan's Council of Agriculture](#). Following their time in Washington, the delegates visited agricultural operations in 7 U.S. states.

U.S. Coast Guard ASP Sponsor Workshop

NAEGA and the National Grain & Feed Association (NGFA) hosted a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Alternative Security Program (ASP) Sponsoring Organizations Workshop on Thursday, September 22. USCG officers and staff provided updates on cybersecurity measures and best practices, future revisions to the Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC) and new resources for ASP users. NAEGA & NGFA sponsor an ASP for grain exporting facilities. For more information on that program, please contact Patrick at phayden@naega.org.

Current & Ongoing Actions

USTR Requests Input on Foreign Trade Barriers

NAEGA is considering comments to the U.S. Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) for the National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE Report). [USTR is inviting interested persons](#) to submit written comments to assist in identifying significant barriers to U.S. exports of goods and services. Comments related to the following categories of foreign trade barriers are encouraged: agricultural commodities, U.S. intellectual property, U.S. foreign direct investment by U.S. persons, especially if such investment has implications for trade in goods or services, and U.S. electronic commerce. The NTE report is published annually and is used U.S. negotiations aimed at reducing or eliminating these barriers and is a valuable tool in enforcing U.S.

trade laws and strengthening the rules-based trading system. USTR will use this information to prepare the 2023 report. The deadline to submit comments is October 28, 2022.

Your advice is welcome. USTR indicates it is most interested in practices that violate U.S. trade agreements, new or updated information on the barriers covered in the [2021 report](#), or information on new barriers.

News:

Geneva Update

Post MC12 – What to expect from the WTO?

The WTO's 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) took place from June 12-17, 2022 in Geneva after two postponements due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a five-year break since MC11, which took place in December 2017 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The conference successfully concluded on the morning of June 17 with the agreement on a package of key trade initiatives, the “Geneva package”. In particular, progress was achieved on fisheries subsidies, the WTO response to the pandemic, food insecurity, e-commerce and other issues, which demonstrated that the multilateral trading system has a role to play in addressing pressing challenges of our time.

Given a “perfect storm” of economic and social challenges from the global pandemic, inflation, lack of access to finance and Russian aggression against Ukraine at the heart of the discussions at MC12 were post-pandemic recovery and food security. Food security talks have shown the divisions between the WTO members as to the role of trade and the Organization in solving the current crisis and the global food insecurity in the long-term. Broadly, there were two competing thoughts emerging based on the discussions. Some countries were advocating for agricultural reform, reduction in harmful subsidies, and further opening of the markets to let international trade deliver to those in need. These thoughts were met with strong opposition from delegations advocating for an increase in governmental support to vulnerable domestic producers and expansion of public stockholding programs. To strike the balance, the agreed [Ministerial Declaration on the Emergency Response to Food Insecurity](#) states: “We agree that trade, along with domestic production, plays a vital role in improving global food security in all its dimensions and enhancing nutrition”. A broader debate on whether international trade is the right tool to deal with food insecurity will continue in the future. The Declaration also commits Members to take concrete steps to facilitate trade and improve the functioning and long-term resilience of global markets for food and agriculture, as well as launches a work program to address the needs of least developed countries and net food-importing developing countries. Ways to achieve progress on these declarations will be discussed and monitored by the WTO Members at the regular meetings of the Committee on Agriculture.

In the [MC12 outcome document](#), Members have committed to work towards necessary reform of the WTO and commencement of discussions on the dispute settlement system with the view of having a well-functioning system by 2024. However, the meeting of the WTO’s Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) on August 29 has shown no visible progress in this regard.

SPS Committee

On June 22-24, 2022, at the SPS Committee meeting the WTO Members discussed ways to implement the Ministerial decision to issue an [SPS Declaration](#) on responding to challenges that may significantly impact international trade in food, animals and plants. As early as August 1, 2022, the WTO Secretariat circulated a document [G/SPS/W330](#) containing the proposed process for the work program in line with the provisions of the SPS Declaration. Five groups according to the five themes identified in paragraph 8 of the SPS Declaration have been established with (co)stewards selected to facilitate relevant discussions. In particular, on how to facilitate global food security, how to support basing SPS measures on scientific evidence and principles, how to enhance the safe international trade in food, animals and plants, how to address the needs of developing and least developed countries in the development and application of SPS measures. The first meetings of these groups should take place before the Intersessional SPS committee consultations scheduled for October 4, 2022.

Upcoming Events

The Week of September 25, the WTO will host the [Public Forum](#) entitled “Towards a sustainable and inclusive recovery: ambition to action”. The Forum is the WTO’s largest annual outreach event, which provides a platform for participants to discuss the latest developments in world trade and propose ways of enhancing the multilateral trading system. More than 3 thousand participants have registered so far - representatives from civil society, academia, business, the media, governments, parliamentarians and inter-governmental organizations.

More information on the WTO developments, food security, and related news can be accessed at the NAEGA Trade and Global Food Security Library [here](#).

G20 Trade Ministerial

The G20 Ministerial Meeting for Trade, Investment, and Industry (TIIMM) took place from September 19-23, 2022, in Nusa Dua, Bali. TIIMM closed with [a joint statement from officials outlining their shared priorities](#) and highlighting six areas for action: World Trade Organization (WTO) reforms; the role of the multilateral trading system to strengthen the SDGs; trade and investment responses in dealing with the pandemic and the global health architecture; digital trade and global value chains; strengthening sustainable and inclusive investment for global economic recovery; and coherence between trade, investment and industry.

The G20 countries represent over 60 percent of the world's population, 80 percent of the world's gross domestic product (GDP), and 75 percent of global trade. The G20 members comprise the United States, South Africa, Argentina, Saudi Arabia, Australia, India, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Germany, Mexico, Canada, South Korea, France, Russia, China, the European Union, and Turkey.

Calendar & Member Notices:

Click [here](#) for a copy of the IGTC Calendar

2022

September

29 – [IGC Webinar on South American Soyabean and Maize Production](#)

30 – [ICDR Webinar on Being a South Asian Woman in Arbitration](#)

October

15 – Global Pulses Confederation and IGTC Meetings – Paris, France

19 – [NAEGA/NGFA Pacific Northwest Regional Industry Workshop](#) – Portland, OR/Virtual

20 – [ICDR Webinar on Arbitration and Web3 Disputes: Cryptocurrencies, NFTs, Metaverse and Smart Contracts](#)

November

7-9 – [Dry Bulk Terminal Group Operational & Technical Conference](#) – Santander, Spain

17-18 – U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council Annual Workshop – Baltimore, MD

30– [IGTC Events and General Assembly](#) – Brussels, Belgium/Virtual

December

TBD – COP 16 – CBD – Turkey

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March

21-21 – NGFA 2023 Convention - La Quinta, California

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