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Technologies for Cotton Development

67th PLENARY MEETING IN OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA FASO

The deadline for guaranteed hotel availability at posted rates for the 67th Plenary Meeting is **September 15**.

The Organizing Committee for the 67th Plenary Meeting in Ouagadougou has completed arrangements for hotel reservations, and registered participants who have made reservations will start receiving confirmation notices in the next week. Hotel Sofitel Ouaga 2000, the conference hotel, is located adjacent to the International Conference Center where the plenary meeting will be conducted. Additional hotels are available nearby.

The theme of the 67th Plenary Meeting is *Technologies for Cotton Development*. The theme will provide opportunities to showcase the role of technologies in raising yields, reducing input costs and improving the competitiveness of the cotton industry. The format of each session is being designed to optimize time for discussion.

Topics will include:

1. Cotton and Multilateral Trade Negotiations
2. The Roles of Government and the Private Sector in Technology Transfer
3. Biotechnology in Cotton: Lessons of Implementation
4. Social, Environmental and Economic Performance (SEEP) of Cotton Production
5. Outlook for Cotton Supply and Demand
6. Technical Seminar: Improving the Sustainability of Cotton Production in Africa
7. Competitiveness of African Cotton Production
8. Progress Toward Standardization of Trade Rules
9. Preparations for the International Year of Natural Fibres
10. The Implications of Rising Energy Costs on Cotton Production and Trade
11. New Developments in Cotton Ginning
12. New Developments in Pre-Ginning and Post-Ginning Processing Technology

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The International Cotton Advisory Committee is an association of 44 governments of countries with an interest in cotton. The Secretariat of the Committee publishes information related to world cotton production, supply, demand and prices, and provides technical information on cotton production technology. Detailed statistics are found bimonthly in *COTTON: Review of the World Situation*, \$180 per year via email, \$215 per year in hard copy. A monthly outlook is available by email for \$285 per year. Access to the latest weekly estimates of world cotton supply and use by the Secretariat is available on the Internet for \$450 per year. Access Secretariat reports at www.icac.org.