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Technologies for Cotton Development

67th PLENARY MEETING IN OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA FASO

As is true every year, the Organizing Committee for the 67th Plenary Meeting faces confirmation deadlines in contracts for hotel space, services and venues in advance of the arrival of delegates. It will assist the Organizing Committee and Secretariat greatly in planning for the meeting if delegates and observers can register for the meeting and reserve their hotel rooms in a timely fashion. Registration is available at www.icac.org. Hotel reservations can be made directly with the Organizing Committee in Ouagadougou by using the form in the registration packet or by downloading the form from the ICAC web site.

The deadline for guaranteed hotel availability at posted rates for the 67th Plenary Meeting is **September 15, 2008**. About 500 participants are expected. All participants are responsible for making travel arrangements to and from Ouagadougou. All participants who plan to obtain a visa upon arrival at the International Airport of Ouagadougou must bring two passport pictures and 10,000 CFA Francs (about 16 euros). Travelers are reminded to ensure that their vaccinations for yellow fever are current and to bring malaria medicine.

The theme of the 67th Plenary Meeting is *Technologies for Cotton Development*. 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.