



AGENDA

65th Plenary Meeting of the
International Cotton
Advisory Committee

Goiânia, Brazil

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65th PLENARY MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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President of the Plenary Meeting Organizing Committee

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Organized by:

Brazilian Cotton Industry Organizations
Government of the State of Goiás
Government of Brazil

PLENARY SESSIONS

Plenary Sessions are open to delegates, observers and invited guests. The Chairman may, however, exclude observers and guests if necessary in view of the nature of discussions.

OPEN SESSIONS

Open Sessions are open to delegates, observers and invited guests. Observers and guests, as well as delegates, may speak during open sessions upon recognition by the Chair.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Steering Committee, which is devoted to administrative matters, is open only to delegates of member governments.

COMMITTEE ON COTTON PRODUCTION RESEARCH

Meetings are open to delegates, observers and guests

DRAFTING GROUP

The Drafting Group, which prepares the Statement of the 65th Plenary Meeting, is open only to delegates of member governments.

PRODUCTION CONFERENCE

An innovation in the agenda this year is the addition of a production conference conducted in English and Portuguese, intended primarily for the benefit of the private sector. All plenary meeting participants are invited to attend the sessions.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

In addition to the production conference, the host country is organizing three breakout sessions on topics of interest to all plenary meeting participants. These sessions will be conducted in English only.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING

The 65th Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) will be held in Goiânia, Brazil, from September 11–15, 2006. The theme of the meeting will be *Social and Environmental Impacts of Cotton Production and Use*. Opening ceremonies, plenary and open sessions, the production conference and breakout sessions and meetings of the Steering and Drafting committees and the offices of the Secretariat will be located at the Convention Center in Goiânia.

Entrance to the meeting sessions will be by badge, available by registering at the Secretariat Registration/Information Desk. During the plenary meeting, delegates may pick up meeting documents at the Secretariat Registration/Information Desk. Delegations should designate one person to pick up documents. Two sets of meeting documents will be provided to each member-government delegation. One set will be provided to non-member-government delegations and international organizations. Observers are required to pay a US\$425.00 fee, which includes the cost of documents if they register on-line. Otherwise, there will be a US\$25.00 handling fee.

The Order of the Day for the following day will be available each afternoon. The Order of the Day will report schedule changes, additional sessions and details of events. Minutes of sessions will be available on the following day. Minutes of sessions on the final day will be e-mailed or faxed to heads of delegations. Delegations are allowed fifteen days from the end of the plenary meeting to notify the Secretariat of changes in the minutes.

Country reports on the cotton situation and other statements and presentations in one of the official languages of the Committee, preferably in English, should be received by the Secretariat prior to the plenary meeting. However, statements received by September 29, 2006 can still be included in the proceedings. The Secretariat welcomes e-mails sent to <carmen@icac.org> attaching Word or WordPerfect text files that do not contain placed images. Tables, charts and images should be provided as separate Word, Excel or PowerPoint files. Computer diskettes or original printouts mailed to the Secretariat or delivered at the meeting are acceptable.

Delegates are asked to make copies of planned statements available to the Secretariat before their presentation for distribution to the interpreters.

PROPOSED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

Sunday, September 10, 2006

- 8:00 Set up of trade booth area
- 9:30 Meeting of the Private Sector Advisory Panel (PSAP), Sec General's Conference Room (by invitation)
- 10:00 Registration at the Convention Center
- to 16:00 Tours and shopping opportunities
- 13:30 Meeting of the Task Force on Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC)
Sec General's Conference Room (by invitation)
- 15:30 Stakeholder Consultation with the CFC, Convention Center (open to all)
- 19:00 Welcome Reception at the Convention Center, Goiás Singers

Monday, September 11, 2006

- 8:00 Registration at the Convention Center
- 9:00 **Inaugural Session**
Chair: Paulo César da Cunha Peixoto, President of the Plenary Meeting Organizing Committee
 - Welcoming Remarks by the Chair
 - Welcoming Remarks by the Honorable Luís Carlos Guedes Pinto, Minister of Agriculture, Brazil
 - Welcoming Remarks by the Honorable Alcides Rodrigues Filho, Governor of Goiás, Brazil
 - Report of the Chair of the Standing Committee, Siphwe Mkhize, Embassy of South Africa, Washington, DC
 - Report of the Executive Director, Terry P. Townsend

- Approval of the Agenda of the 65th Plenary Meeting
- Welcoming Remarks on behalf of all delegates by India

10:30 Tea/coffee

11:00 **First Open Session: Cotton Production: Efficiency and the Environment**

Chair: João Carlos Jacobsen Rodrigues, Brazilian Cotton Producers Association (ABRAPA)

Speakers:

- Felix Balaniuc, Social Cotton Institute, Environmental Issues in Brazil
- Francesca Mancini, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), Hyderabad, India
Impacts of IPM Farmer Field Schools on Cotton Growers in Asia
- Jason Clay, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Cumulative Environmental Impacts of Cotton Production –
Examples from Around the World
- Graham Burden, Marks and Spencer
A Retailer's Perspectives on Building Demand for Cotton Through Better Cotton Production
Practices
- Discussion

13:00 Lunch for all participants

14:30 **Second Open Session: Cotton Production: Efficiency and Social Implications**

Chair: João Carlos Jacobsen Rodrigues, Brazilian Cotton Producers Association (ABRAPA)

Speakers:

- Rodolfo Tavares, Brazilian Commission of Labour Affairs of the National Agriculture Confederation
- Alastair Usher, Ergon Associates, Contentious Labour Issues in Cotton Production
- Sudripta Roy, Ministry of Textiles, India, The Social Impacts of Cotton Production and Use in India
- Reinier de Man, The Business Case for Better Cotton Production
- Discussion

16:30 Adjourn

19:00 Conference Dinner and Samba Show

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

7:00 Breakfast-Meeting of the World Cotton Research Conference (WCRC-4) Organizing Committee
Sec General's Conference Room (by invitation)

8:00 Registration

9:00 **Third Open Session: Outlook for Cotton Supply and Use**

Chair: Pedro Camargo Neto, Bolsa de Mercadorias & Futuros (BM&F)

Speakers:

- Armelle Gruère, Statistician, ICAC Secretariat, Outlook for Cotton Supply and Use
- Antônio Vidal Esteve, President, Ecom Cotton Mercosur, Outlook for Cotton Supply and Use
- Ray Butler, Cotton Outlook, Outlook for Chinese Supply and Use
- Vinay Kotak, Kotak & Co., Outlook for Indian Supply and Use
- Nikos Karagiorgos, Cotton Ginning & Oil Factory, Outlook for Greek Supply and Use Under the New
CAP Regime
- Ousmane Amion Guindo, Compagnie Malienne pour le Développement des Fibres Textiles (CMDT),
Outlook for Supply and Use in Mali
- Discussion

9:00 **Concurrent Meeting:** Brazilian Cotton Producers Association (ABRAPA) (open to all participants)

11:00 Tea/coffee

11:30 **Fourth Open Session: Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC)**

Chair: Andrew Macdonald, Brazilian Cotton Association (ABRALG)

Speakers:

- Andrew Macdonald, Report from the CSITC

Panel Discussion:

- Hans-Jörg Rückriem, Consultant, Bolsa de Mercadorias & Futuros (BM&F), Brazil
- Ralph Schulzé, Cotton Industry Consultant, Australia
- Joe Kabissa, Director General, Tanzania Cotton Board
- Jolly Sabune, Managing Director, Cotton Development Organisation, Uganda
- Jean-Paul Gourlot, Technologist, CIRAD-CA, France
- Bertrand Gayet, Director Vice President, Algodonera Guaraní SA, Paraguay

11:30 **Breakout Session: The Development Aspects of the Doha Round**

Chair: Raquel Gomes, Oxfam America

Panel discussion:

- Chiedu Osakwe, Director, WTO
- Ibrahim Malloum, Director General, Cotontchad, President of the African Cotton Association
- Willem Olthof, Policy Advisor, European Commission
- Brinton Bohling, Senior Trade Advisor, Economic Growth Office, U.S. Agency for International Development
- Discussion

13:00 Lunch for all participants

Lunch meeting of the International Forum for Cotton Promotion (IFCP), Sec General's Conference Room (by invitation)

15:00 **First Plenary Session: Cotton and the Doha Development Round**

Chair: Representative of the Government of Brazil

Speakers:

- Carlos Valderrama, Head Economist, ICAC Secretariat
- Chiedu Osakwe, Director, WTO
- Marcos Sawaya Jank, Repercussion of International Litigation on Brazilian Cotton
- Discussion (government representatives only)

17:00 Adjourn

19:00 Free-Choice Evening Program with coupons for restaurants

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

7:00 Breakfast meeting of plenary meeting host committees, Sec General's Conference Room (by invitation)

9:00 **Second Plenary Session: Statements**

Chair: Representative of the Ministry of Agriculture of Brazil

- Statements from International Organizations
- Statements from Member Countries
- Statements from Non-Member Countries

9:00 **Production Conference (Room Lago Azul): Marketing and Quality of Brazilian Cotton**

Chair: Peter Graham, National Association of Cotton Exporters (ANEA)

Speakers:

- Richard Pollard, Export Manager, Ecom Cotton Mercosur
- Marcos Vinícius Menoita, Commercial Director, MAEDA S/A Agrícola

9:00 **Breakout Session: Standardization of International Trade Rules – Progress Since Liverpool**

Chair: Andrew Macdonald, Former President of ICA

Panel discussion:

- Jan Wellmann, Bremen Cotton Exchange, Germany
- Neal Gillen, American Cotton Shippers Association, USA
- Suresh Kotak, Kotak & Co. Ltd. India

10:30 Tea/coffee

11:00 **Second Plenary Session: Statements** (continued)

Chair: Representative of the Ministry of Agriculture of Brazil

- Report from the Private Sector Advisory Panel (PSAP)
John Mitchell, Vice President, Cargill Cotton, USA
- Statements from Member Countries
- Statements from Non-Member Countries

11:00 **Production Conference** (Room Lago Azul): **Demand Enhancement**

Moderator: Andrew Macdonald, Brazilian Textile Industry Association (ABIT)

Panel Discussion:

- Sebahattin Gazanfer, TARIS-Union of Cotton Sales Cooperatives, Turkey
- Mark Messura, Cotton Incorporated, USA
- Allen Terhaar, Cotton Council International, USA
- Francisco Dávila, Confederación Colombiana del Algodón, Colombia
- Jan Wellmann, Bremen Cotton Exchange, Germany

12:30 Lunch for all participants

13:30 Departure for tourist activities

19:00 Free-Choice Evening Program with coupons for restaurants

Thursday, September 14, 2006

8:00 Registration

9:00 **Fifth Open Session: Meeting of the Committee on Cotton Production Research**

Chair: Robério Ferreira dos Santos, EMBRAPA Algodão

Technical Seminar: Sustainability: Biotechnology and Crop Management

Speakers:

- Eleusio Curvelo Freire, Former General Chief of Embrapa Algodão, Brazil
Brazilian Approach to Reducing Production Costs
- Roy Cantrell, Vice President, Agricultural Research, Cotton Inc., USA
The Role of Biotechnology in Improving Sustainability of Cotton
- Richard S. Browne, Australian Cotton Research and Development Corporation, Australia
Sustainability: Key to the Australian Cotton Production Practices
- Derek Russell, Sustainable Agriculture Group, NRI, UK
Improving Production Practices Among Small Scale Cotton Growers

9:00 **Concurrent Meeting: 5th Plenary Meeting of the Brazilian Cotton Board** (open to all participants)

10:30 Tea/coffee

11:00 **Fifth Open Session (Technical Seminar) continued:**

- Edilson Paiva, Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA), Brazil
Prospects for Biotech Cotton in Brazil
- Jorge Cadena, Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuaria, Colombia
Crop Monitoring for Optimization of Yields

- Russell J. Kohel, USDA-ARS, Crop Germplasm Research Unit, USA
The International Cotton Genome Initiative (ICGI)
- Topic for the 2007 Technical Seminar
- Discussion

12:30 Lunch for all participants

13:45 **Meeting of the Drafting Group** (member country delegates)

13:45 **Production Conference** (Room Lago Azul): **Improving the Competitiveness of Brazilian Cotton**
Chair: Sergio de Marco, Government-Sponsored Cotton Board

Speakers or panel discussion:

- Joaquim Bento de Souza, Researcher at the Luiz de Queiroz School of Agronomy
- João Luiz Ribas Pessa, Member of the Advisory Board of AMPA
- Carlos A. Brito Soares, Director of Colombia Agrícola

15:30 Tea/coffee

16:00 **Meeting of the Steering Committee** (member country delegates)

Chair: Siphwe Mkhize, Chairman of the Standing Committee

- Election of Standing Committee Officers
- Approval of the Report of the Committee on Cotton Production Research
- Approval of the Statement of the 65th Plenary Meeting
- Other Business

16:00 **Production Conference** (Room Lago Azul): **Biotech Cotton in Brazil**

Chair: Osvaldo Pinto Fiuza, Fialgol

Speakers or Panel Discussion:

- João Carlos Jacobsen Rodrigues, President of ABRAPA
- Eleuzio Curvelo Freire, Former General Chief of Embrapa Algodão

17:30 Adjourn

19:30 Conference Dinner, with Bahia Drums Show

Friday, September 15, 2006

9:00 **Sixth Open Session: the Future of the South American Textile Industry**

Chair: Rafael Cervone Netto, President, Sinditêxtil SP and Member of ABIT Management Board

Speakers:

- Jorge Vartparonian, Tipoití, Argentina
- Gustavo Bernal Villegas, President, C.I. Expofaro S.A., Colombia
- Fernando Naranjo, Operations Manager, Textiles Industriales Ambateños S.A., Ecuador

9:00 **Production Conference** (Room Lago Azul): **Price Risk Management for Cotton**

Chair: Plinio Penteadó de Camargo, Bolsa de Mercadorias & Futuros (BM&F)

Speakers or panel discussion

- Eduardo Eliezer Figueiredo, Tradeagro and Member of the Câmara Consultiva do Algodão at BM&F
- Flávio Kekuda Maeda, Commodity Trading Advisor at Hedging Griffó
- Rodrigo Rasga, Professor IBMEC e Brazilian Business School, CFO at Empresa Interagrícola S/A (EISA)

9:00 **Breakout Session: Organic Cotton Production**

Chair: Maria Célia Martins de Souza, Instituto de Economia Agrícola (IEA), Brazil

Panel Discussion:

- ° Simon Ferrigno, Organic Exchange, USA, Organic Cotton from a Farm Perspective
- ° Rebecca Calahan Klein, Organic Exchange, USA, A Market Perspective on Organic Cotton
- ° Tadeu Caldas, Wal-Mart Organic Cotton Project, Germany, Wal-Mart's Perspective on Organic Cotton
- ° Jens Soth, Helvetas, Swiss Association for International Cooperation, Lessons Learned from Organic Farming
- ° Discussion

10:30 Tea/coffee

11:00 **Closing Plenary Session**

Chair: Paulo César da Cunha Peixoto, President of the Plenary Meeting Organizing Committee

- ° Invitation from Turkey
- ° Closing comments by the Chair on behalf of Brazil
- ° Closing comments by the UK
- ° Closing comments by other countries

12:00 Lunch for all participants