

68TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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and
Cotton South Africa

On behalf of the Government of South Africa

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.

DRAFTING GROUP

The Drafting Group, which prepares the Statement of the 68th Plenary Meeting, is open only to delegates of member governments.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The host country is organizing several breakout sessions on topics of interest to all plenary meeting participants. These sessions will be conducted in English only.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING

The 68th Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from 7-11 September 2009. The theme of the meeting will be *The Role of Cotton in Economic Development and Ensuring Food Security During a Period of Global Economic Crisis*. Plenary and open sessions, breakout sessions and meetings of the Steering and Drafting committees and the offices of the Secretariat will be located at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

Persons entering the meeting room must wear a name 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. Everybody else will receive a CD-ROM, which contains the plenary documents. Observers are required to pay a registration fee of US\$450 for registration by fax or in person. The fee is reduced to US\$425.00 for on-line registration in advance, which includes the cost of the CD.

The Order of the Day will be available each afternoon for the following day. The Order of the Day will report schedule changes, additional sessions and details of events. Draft minutes of sessions will be available on the day following each session. Minutes of sessions held on the final day will be e-mailed to heads of delegations. Delegations are allowed fifteen business days from the end of the plenary meeting (September 28, 2009) to notify the Secretariat of changes in the minutes.

Country reports on the cotton situation, other statements and presentations should be received by the Secretariat prior to the plenary meeting in one of the official languages of the Committee, preferably in English. However, statements received by September 28, 2009 can still be included in the Statements. The Secretariat welcomes e-mails sent to <carmen@icac.org> attaching Word files that do not contain placed images. Tables, charts and images should be provided as separate Word, Excel or PowerPoint files. Computer CD-ROM 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

The Role of Cotton in Economic Development and Ensuring Food Security During a Period of Global Economic Crisis

Sunday, September 6, 2009

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| 8:00 | Set up of Trade Booths at the Convention Centre |
| 10:00
to 16:00 | Registration at the CTICC Ballroom Gallery
Tours and shopping opportunities (Depart from the Convention Centre) |
| 10:00 | Meeting of the Expert Panel on Social, Environmental and Economic Performance of Cotton Production (SEEP) (by invitation, SEEP members only.)
The Boardroom |
| 13:30 | Meeting of the Private Sector Advisory Panel (PSAP)
The Boardroom (by invitation, private sector observers' welcome) |
| 14:30 | Round Table Discussion: The Role of Organic Cotton in the Cotton Industry (Open to all)
Chair: Graham Thompson, Director, ARC Institute for Industrial Crops, South Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Simon Ferrigno, Director, The Organic Exchange, UK o Jens Soth, Coordinator for Research & Implementation Activities, Helvetas Organic Cotton Center, Switzerland |

- Mans Lanting, India
- Heinrich Schultz, Managing Director, OrganiMark, South Africa
- Cornelis Maris, Mavideniz Gida San. A.S., Turkey

19:00 Cocktail Reception, Director-General, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa, Presiding
The Ballroom East, CTICC

Monday, September 7, 2009

8:00 Registration at the CTICC

9:00 **Inaugural Session**, The Ballroom West

Chair: Eugene Brock, Former Chairman of the Cotton Industry Trust, South Africa

Facilitated by Tsotso Sehoole, Chief of Communications, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa

- Approval of the Agenda of the 68th Plenary Meeting
- Introductory Remarks
Director General, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa
- Opening Remarks
H.E. Ms. Tina Joemat-Pettersson, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa
- Opening Observations
H.E. Ambassador Ali M. Mchumo, Managing Director of the Common Fund for Commodities
- Keynote Speech
Berrye Worsham, President, Cotton Incorporated, USA
Positioning Cotton As a Solution to 21st Century Problems
- Report of the Private Sector Advisory Panel, Sebahattin Gazanfer, Chair of the PSAP
- Report of the Chair of the Standing Committee, Ashraf El-Rabiey, Embassy of Egypt, USA
- Recognition of the ICAC Researcher of the Year
- Report of the Executive Director, Terry Townsend
- Welcoming Remarks on behalf of all delegates by Turkey

11:00 Tea/coffee

11:30 **First Open Session: Policies to Enhance Food Security**

Chair: Andile Hawes, Deputy Director General, Production Resources Management, Department of Agriculture, South Africa

- Anupam Barik, Directorate of Cotton Development, Ministry of Agriculture, India
The Roles of the Technology Mission on Cotton and Biotech Cotton in Indian Small-Holder Agriculture
- Micah Powon, CEO, Cotton Development Authority (CODA), Kenya
The Role of Cotton in Assuring Food Security in Kenya
- Luis Alberto Pellegrino, Advisor, Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food, Argentina
The Role of Cotton in the Economy of Northern Argentina
- Abdoulaye Dia, Oxfam, UK
Impacts of the Food Crisis on Cotton Farmers and Recommendations for Government Policies

13:30 Lunch for all participants, Ballroom East

15:00 **Second Open Session: Facilitating Small-Holder Cotton Production**

Chair: Ibrahim Naibbi, Federal Ministry of Commerce, Nigeria, (invited)

- Happymore Mapara, Managing Director, The Cotton Company of Zimbabwe
- Syed Hassan Raza, Cotton Producer, Pakistan
- Piriev Dzhilil Safarovich, Director of Agriculture Economy Institute, Tajikistan

- Keshav Raj Kranthi, Crop Protection Division, Central Institute for Cotton Research, India
Technology for Small-Holders – CFC/ICAC Project 14
- Vibhu Nath, Senior Vice President, Olam International Ltd., Singapore
Private Sector Initiatives to Facilitate Small-Holder Cotton Production in Africa

17:00 Adjourn

19:00 Welcome Dinner

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

8:00 Registration

9:00 Third Open Session: Cotton By-Products and Value Addition

Chair: Ibrahim Malloum, Commercial Cotton Director, Somdiaa, France

- A.J. Shaikh, Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT), India
Utilization of Cotton Stalks in the Production of Particle Board
- Célestin T. Tiendrebeogo, Managing Director, SOFITEX, Burkina Faso
- Nazir Lababidi, Director General, Syrian Cotton Marketing Organization, Syria (invited)
- Sebahattin Gazanfer, Advisor, Joint Board, All Textiles and Raw Materials Exporters' Association of Turkey

9:00 First Breakout Session: The Role of Organizations in the Cotton Economy

Chair: Phenias Gumede, Vice Chairperson of Cotton South Africa and Chairperson of the Small Scale Cotton Farmer Forum, South Africa

- Dhiren Sheth, President, Cotton Association of India (CAI), India
- Mark Lange, President/CEO, National Cotton Council of America (NCC), USA
- Andrew Macdonald, Association of Brazilian Cotton Producers (ABRAPA), Brazil
- Ahmed Bachir Diop, Managing Director, SODEFITEX, Senegal

10:30 Tea/coffee

11:00 Fourth Open Session: Outlook for Supply, Demand and Prices of Cotton and Inputs

Chair: M. Karaan, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa

- H. Pienaar, Bureau for Economic Research, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa:
Outlook for the World Economy
- Report from the Secretariat
- A. Jooste, NAMC, South Africa, Report on Input Costs
- Patrick Packnett, Office of Global Analysis, USDA, Outlook for Grain and Oilseeds, USA

13:00 Lunch for all participants, The Ballroom East

Lunch meeting of the International Forum for Cotton Promotion (IFCP)
The Boardroom

15:00 First Plenary Session: Overcoming Impediments to Progress in Multilateral Trade Negotiations

Chair: Chiedu Osakwe, Director, WTO Secretariat

- Report from the Secretariat
- Discussion between panel members and government officials: Panel members to include representatives of Brazil, Burkina Faso (representing the C4), the EC, India, South Africa and the U.S. (representatives invited)

16:00 Meeting of the Task Force on Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC)

The Boardroom (Observers welcome, pre-registration requested)

- 17:00 Adjourn
- 19:00 Evening Program Open

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

- 9:00 **Second Plenary Session: Statements**
 Chair: Ronald Ramabulane, CEO, National Agricultural Marketing Council, South Africa
- Statements from International Organizations: EC, CABI, CIRAD, ITC, UNCTAD, IFCP, Others
 - Ali M. Mchumo, Managing Director, Common Fund for Commodities
The Trust Fund for Food Security and the Role of Cotton in Enhancing Access to Food Through Generation of Income
 - Billy Morokolo, Acting Deputy Director General, Trade and Economic Development, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa
 - Statements from Member Countries
- 9:00 **Second Breakout Session: Progress Toward Harmonization of Trade Rules**
 Rooms 1.61 & 1.62
 Chair: Andrei Guitchounts, ICAC Secretariat
- Neal Gillen, ICAC Representative to UNCITRAL
Update on Defaults on Contracts in Cotton Trade
 - Discussion
- 10:30 Tea/coffee
- 11:00 **Second Plenary Session: Statements (continued)**
 Chair: Ronald Ramabulane, CEO, National Agricultural Marketing Council, South Africa
- Statements from Member Countries
 - Statements from Non-Member Countries
- 11:00 **Third Breakout Session: Enhancing Demand for Cotton Products**
 Rooms 1.61 & 1.62
 Moderator: Jeff Silberman, Executive Director of the International Forum for Cotton Promotion (IFCP)
- Alejandro Plastina, ICAC Secretariat
Cotton: Where are we now?
 - Jeffrey Silberman, Executive Director, IFCP
Working with Higher Education to Secure Cotton's Role in Fabric Development
 - Jeffrey Silberman, Executive Director, IFCP
Who Influences Fiber Content?
 - Jeffery Silberman, Executive Director, IFCP and Patricia O'Leary, Cotton Incorporated, Social, Environmental, Economic Performance (SEEP)
Sustainability and Demand Enhancement
- 12:30 Lunch for all participants
- 14:00 Sightseeing & Shopping Opportunities
- 18:00 Evening Program Open

Thursday, September 10, 2009

- 7:30 Breakfast-meeting of plenary meeting host committees, The Boardroom (by invitation)
- 8:00 Registration

- 9:00 **Fifth Open Session (Meeting of the Committee on Cotton Production Research)**
Technical Seminar: Biosafety Regulations, Implementation and Consumer Acceptance
 Chair: Shadrack Moephuli, President & CEO, Agricultural Research Council, South Africa
- Gillian Christians, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa
The Biosafety Regulation System in South Africa
 - Idah Sithole-Niang, University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe
Regulatory Requirements and Technology Diffusion: The Case of Biotech Cotton
 - Richard Haire, CEO, Queensland Cotton Corp. Ltd., Australia
Biotech Cotton in International Trade
 - Amadeo Nicora, Vice President, National Institute of Agrarian Technology (INTA) Argentina
Market Response to Biotech Cotton Seed
- 10:30 Tea/coffee
- 11:00 **Fifth Open Session (Technical Seminar) continued:**
- Keshav Raj Kranthi, ICAC Cotton Researcher of the Year 2009, India
Challenges and Opportunities in Cotton Production Research
 - Jocelyn Webster, AfricaBio, South Africa
Improving Confidence in Biotech Cotton
 - Topic for the 2010 Technical Seminar (WP III)
 - Discussion
- 11:00 **Fourth Breakout Session: The Impacts of Carbon Trading on the Cotton Industry**
 Chair: Richard Haire, CEO, Queensland Cotton Corp. Ltd., Australia
- Bruce Pyke, Cotton Research and Development Corporation, Australia
 - Jens Soth, Coordinator for Research & Implementation Activities, Helvetas Organic Cotton Center, Switzerland
 - Duncan Warren, International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), Malawi
- 12:30 Lunch for all participants, The Ballroom East
- 13:45 **Meeting of the Drafting Group** (member country delegates)
- 13:45 **Fifth Breakout Session: Best Practices in Cotton Ginning**
 Chair: Stan Rudman, Chairperson, South African Cotton Ginners Association, South Africa
- Mario Rodríguez Rico, Manager, Coalcesar, Colombia
 - Tièna Coulibaly, General Director, Compagnie Malienne pour le Développement des Fibres Textiles (CMDT), Mali
 - Ed Hughs, Southwestern Cotton Ginning Research Lab., USA
- 15:30 Tea/coffee
- 16:00 **Meeting of the Steering Committee** (member country delegates)
 Chair: Ashraf El-Rabiey, Chair of the Standing Committee, Embassy of Egypt, USA
- Election of Standing Committee Officers (WPI)
 - Renewal of the Contract of the Executive Director (WP II)
 - Approval of the Statement of the 68th Plenary Meeting
 - Other Business
- 16:00 **Sixth Breakout Session: Best Practices in Instrument Testing**
 Chair: Lawrence Hunter, Head of Textile Science, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, South Africa
- Jimmy Knowlton, Chief, Standardization & Engineering Branch, USDA, USA
 - Marco Mtunga, Director Regulatory Services, Tanzania Cotton Lint and Seed Board, Tanzania

- H lvio Alberto Fiedler, Executive Director, Unicotton Cooperative of Cotton Producers, Brazil
- Rinat Gulyayev, Uzbek Centre for Certification of Cotton Fiber (SIFAT), Uzbekistan

17:30 Adjourn

19:30 Gala Dinner, Exhibition Hall

Friday, September 11, 2009

9:00 **Sixth Open Session: The Impacts of Social and Environmental Standards on Demand for Cotton and Textiles**

Chair: Ina Grohmann, Advisor, Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, Germany

- Christopher Ward, Representative of the Expert Panel on Social, Environmental and Economic Performance of Cotton Production (SEEP)
- Jens Soth, Coordinator for Research & Implementation Activities, Helvetas Organic Cotton Center, Switzerland
- Simon Ferrigno, Director, The Organic Exchange, UK
- Patricia Jurewicz, Associate Director, Corporate Social Responsibility Program, As You Sow, USA

The Benefits to the Cotton and Cotton Textile Industries of Meeting Social Responsibility Goals

10:30 Tea/coffee

11:00 **Closing Plenary Session**

- Closing comments by Burkina Faso
- Closing comments by Other Countries
- Closing comments by Ms. Msimang, Chairperson of the National Agricultural Marketing Council, on behalf of South Africa

12:00 Lunch for all participants