

63rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The East India Cotton Association
The Indian Cotton Mills Federation

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 63rd Plenary Meeting, is open only to delegates of member governments.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING

The 63rd Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) will be held in Mumbai, India, from November 28 to December 3, 2004. The theme of the meeting will be *Enhancing Cotton Competitiveness*. Opening ceremonies, plenary and open sessions, and meetings of the Steering and Drafting committees and the offices of the Secretariat will be located at the Hotel Hilton Towers (formerly known as Oberoi Towers) in Mumbai.

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\$400.00 fee, which includes the cost of documents.

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 January 3, 2005 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, November 28, 2004

- 8:00 am Set up of Regal Room and Trade Booth area
Tours and shopping opportunities
- 10:00 am
to 4:00 pm Registration
- 1:30 pm Meeting of the Expert Panel on Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC)
- 7:00 pm Welcome Reception, hosted by the East India Cotton Association (EICA) at the Hilton Towers Hotel

Monday, November 29, 2004

- 7:00 am Breakfast meeting of the Private Sector Advisory Panel
- 8:00 am Registration
- 9:00 am **Inaugural Session**
Chair: Secretary (Textiles), Government of India
 - Chief Guest
_____ Minister of Textiles, Government of India
 - Guest of Honor
_____ Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra State
 - Keynote Address
Montek Singh Aluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Government of India
 - Report of the Chair of the Standing Committee
Luc Devolder, Chairman of the Standing Committee
 - Report of the Executive Director
Terry P. Townsend
 - Welcoming Remarks on Behalf of all Delegates by Egypt
- 10:30 am Tea/coffee

- 11:00 am **First Open Session**
- Economic Outlook and Cotton Prices
Chair: _____ Representative from the Indian Cotton Mills Federation (ICMF)
 - Outlook for the World Economy

 - Report from the Secretariat
Outlook for World Cotton Supply and Use
 - Discussion
- 12:30 pm Lunch for all participants
- 1:45 pm **Second Open Session**
- The Role and Importance of National Cotton Sector Associations
Chair: K.F. Jhunjunwala, President, East India Cotton Association (EICA)
 - Allen Terhaar, Cotton Council International, USA
 - Kouame Signo, Professional Association Cotton Organizations of Côte d'Ivoire
 - Felix Stiegwardt, CADELPA, Paraguay
 - Massod Alam Rizvi, Trading Corporation of Pakistan
 - Discussion
- 3:15 pm Tea/coffee
- 3:45 pm **First Plenary Session**
- Statements by member countries, non-member countries and international organizations
(5-minute limit enforced by the Chair)
Chair: Subodh Kumar, Textile Commissioner and Vice Chairman Textile Committee, Ministry of Textiles
 - Statement from the CFC
 - Status of the CFC Project on Utilization of Cotton By-products and Their Technological Development
S. Sreenivasan, Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology, India
 - Statements from other International Organizations
 - Statements from Member Countries
 - Statements from Non-Member Countries
- 5:00 pm Adjourn
- 7:30 pm Welcome Dinner hosted by C.A. Galiakotwala & Co. Pvt. Ltd.

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

- 8:00 am Registration
- 8:45 am **Third Open Session**
- Trading Cotton on an Instrument Based Classing System
Chair: Nayan Mirani, Director, East India Cotton Association (EICA)
 - Report of the Expert Panel on Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton
Andrew Macdonald, Santista Textil, Brazil
 - India's Experience with Instrument Based Classing Systems
Subhash Chander Grover, India
 - Benefits of Instrument Classing
S. Tirupathi, Premier Mills Ltd., India
 - Case Study from Tanzania
Joe Kabissa, Tanzania Cotton Lint and Seed Board, Tanzania
 - Discussion
- 10:30 am Tea/coffee

- 11:00 am **Second Plenary Session**
- Government Measures
Chair: Atul Chaturvedi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles
 - Report from the Secretariat
 - Report from the WTO
Jean-Pierre Lapalme. World Trade Organization
 - Discussion
- 12:30 pm Lunch for all participants
- 1:45 pm **Fourth Open Session**
- Strengthening the Input Supply Chain to Small Holders
Chair: P.D. Patodia, Representative of Indian Cotton Mills Federation (ICMF)
 - Mani Chinnaswamy, Appachi Cotton, Co., India
 - Brian Roberts, Uganda
 - Luis Pellegrino, Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food, Argentina
 - Isidor Gilan, Primatex Fiber Corp., Philippines
 - Andre Katary, Center for Agricultural Research of Cotton and Fibers, Benin
 - Discussion
- 3:15 pm Tea/coffee
- 3:45 pm **First Plenary Session** (continued)
- Statements by member countries, non-member countries and international organizations
(5-minute limit enforced by the Chair)
Chair: Sudodh Kumar, Textile Commissioner and Vice Chairman Textile Committee, Ministry of Textiles
 - Report from the Private Sector Advisory Panel
Christine Campbell, Australian Cotton Industry Council Ltd, Australia
 - Statements from Member Countries
 - Statements from Non-Member Countries
- 5:00 pm Adjourn
- 7:00 pm Evening Social Activity hosted by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI)

Wednesday, December 1, 2004

- 7:00 am Breakfast meeting of the host committees from Poland, India, UK and Brazil
- 9:00 am **Fifth Open Session**
- Facilitating Adoption of Best Agronomic Practices by Small Holders
Chair: S.A. Patil, India
 - Peter Ooi, FAO
 - Mario Rodriguez Rico, Coalcesar, Colombia
 - Abdin Mohamed Ali, The Sudan Cotton Company, Ltd., Sudan
 - Thomas Notos, Ministry of Agriculture, Greece
 - Discussion
- 10:30 am Tea/coffee
- 11:00 am **Sixth Open Session**
- Panel Discussion of How to Make Cotton Price Risk Management Effective Globally
Chair: Dhiren Sheth, Director East India Cotton Association, India
 - Chris Gilbert, The World Bank
 - Lamon Rutten, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
 - Joe O'Neil, New York Board of Trade, USA
 - Didier Mercier, COPACO, France
 - Discussion

- 12:30 pm Lunch for all participants
Lunch meeting of the Committee for International Cooperation Between Cotton Association (CICCA)
- 1:45 pm Depart for Elephanta Caves (approximately 5 hours round trip by bus & boat)
Evening Social Activity hosted by Khimji Visram & Sons

Thursday, December 2, 2004

- 7:00 am Breakfast business meeting of the International Forum for Cotton Promotion
- 9:00 am **Seventh Open Session**
- Technical Seminar: How to Improve Yields and Reduce Pesticide Use
Chair: C.D. Mayee, Agriculture Commissioner, Government of India
 - New Alternatives to Pesticides
T.P. Rajendran, India
 - Syrian's Experience with non-pesticide Cotton Production System
Naif Alsalti, Syria
 - Achieving High Yields with Minimum Pesticide Use
Isa Ozkan, Cotton Research Institute, Turkey
 - Optimizing Input use: a Grower's View
Mumtaz Kham Manins, Cotton Grower, Pakistan
 - Meeting of the Committee on Cotton Production Research
Topic for the 2005 Technical Seminar
- 10:30 am Tea/coffee
- 11:00 am **Eighth Open Session**
- Panel Discussion of New Developments in Biotechnology in Cotton
Chair: T.M. Manjunath, Director (Retired) of Scientific Research, Monsanto, India
 - Report from the Second Expert Panel on Biotechnology of Cotton
Gary Fitt, CSIRO, Australia,
 - Multiple Uses of Biotechnology
Kater Hake, Delta and Pine Land Ltd., USA
 - Why Fear Biotechnology?
Lastus Serunjogi, National Agricultural Research Organization, Uganda,
 - Nine Years of Bt Cotton in Mexico
Jose Martinez Carrillo, INIFAP, Mexico
 - Discussion
- 12:30 pm Lunch for all participants
- 1:45 pm **Ninth Open Session**
- Improvement of Cotton Trading Practices
Chair: Suresh Kotak, Director EICA, India
 - Dorcen Walters, Vice Chair, Committee for International Cooperation Between Cotton Associations (CICCA)
 - The Responsibility of Governments for the Enforcement of Arbitral Awards
Neal Gillen, American Cotton Shippers Association (ACSA), USA
 - The Experience of Importers
Rajaram Jaipura, India
 - Discussion
- 3:30 pm Tea/coffee
- 4:00 pm Meeting of the Drafting Group
- 7:00 pm Evening Social Activity hosted by the Indian Cotton Mills Federation (ICMF)

Friday, December 3, 2004

- 8:30 am **Meeting of the Steering Committee** (member delegates only)
Chair: Luc Devolder, Chairman of the Standing Committee
- Election of Standing Committee Officers
 - Recommendations from the Standing Committee
 - Approval of the Report of the Committee on Cotton Production Research
 - Approval of the Statement of the 63rd Plenary Meeting
 - Other Business
- 10:00 am **Tenth Open Session**
- Strategies for Cotton Demand Enhancement
Chair: B.K. Patodia, Vice Chairmen & Managing Director, GTN Textiles, India
 - The Impacts of Promotion on Consumption
Secretariat
 - The Role of the IFCP in Boosting Cotton Demand
Jeffrey Silberman, Chairman of the IFCP, USA
 - Case Study in Cost Effective Cotton Promotion, 1st example
 - Case Study in Cost Effective Cotton Promotion, 2nd example
 - Discussion
- 11:30 am Tea/coffee
- 12:00 pm **Closing Plenary Session**
Chair: Vishwa Nath Mathur, Chairman Cum Managing Director, The Cotton Corporation of India
- Invitation from the UK
 - Closing comments by India
 - Closing comments on behalf of all delegates by Poland
- 12:30 pm Closing Lunch

The Indian Organizing Committee will arrange the following breakout sessions:

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| <i>Mon 29, 3:45 pm</i> | <i>Breakout Session #1:</i> | <i>Harmonization of the Rules of Origin under WTO Negotiations
Moderator: Anwarul Hoda, Member of Planning Commission,
Government of India</i> |
| <i>Tue 30, 1:45 pm</i> | <i>Breakout Session #2:</i> | <i>Advances in Textile Engineering
Moderator: P.R. Roy, Expert Textile Engineering,</i> |
| <i>Tue 30, 3:45 pm</i> | <i>Breakout Session #3:</i> | <i>Fiber Content Labeling
Moderator: Prem Malik, CEO Mafatlal Ind.</i> |
| <i>Thur 9, 9:00 am</i> | <i>Breakout Session #4:</i> | <i>Non-tariff Barriers to Trade in Textiles and Apparel
Moderator: Naishad Parikh, Adviser Arvind Mills, India</i> |