

Third Breakout Session:

Michel Fok

Michel Fok is a researcher at CIRAD and has a Master's degree in agronomy, with a major in breeding, and a PhD in agricultural economics. He has been working on cotton economics and cotton farming systems since 1993. He is member of ICAC's Expert Panel on the Social, Environmental and Economic, Performance of Cotton (SEEP). He was elected Chair of the Executive Committee of the international Cotton Researchers' Association (ICRA) in May 2016. Since 2002, he has been addressing the impact assessment of the use of transgenic varieties in relation with the social, economic and institutional conditions of their use. He has published more than twenty papers on this topic in French, English, Chinese, Portuguese and Italian.

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Dr. Abdullah is the Vice President of the Pakistan Central Cotton Committee, Textile Industry Division, Government of Pakistan since 2013. He is also the Cotton Commissioner for Ministry of Commerce and Textile Industry. Dr. Abdullah also has experience as an entomologist, technical officer and research officer. Mr. Abdullah had 43 research papers published in different refereed periodicals of national and international repute.

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