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67TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Managing Director, Textile Fiber Company of Burkina Faso
(SOFITEX)

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Chair of the Standing Committee
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Ministry of Trade, Promotion of Enterprises and Craftsmanship
Textile Fiber Company of Burkina Faso (SOFITEX)
Cotton Society of Gourma (SOCOMA)
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National Union of Cotton Producers from Burkina (UNPCB)
Spinning Company of Sahel S.A. (FILSAH)

On behalf of the Government of Burkina Faso

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 67th 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 67th Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) will be held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from November 17-21, 2008. The theme of the meeting will be *Technologies for Cotton Development*. The opening ceremony will be held in the "Salle de Banquet". Plenary and Open Sessions, and meetings of the Steering and Drafting Committees and the offices of the Secretariat will be located at the International Conference Center Ouaga 2000. The "Salle de Banquet", the main Plenary Room and the Sofitel Hotel are located together in a special international neighborhood in Ouagadougou.

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. One set will be provided to non-member-government delegations. Observers are required to pay a registration fee of US\$450.00 for registration by fax or in person. The fee is reduced to US\$425.00 for on-line registration in advance. The registration fee includes the cost of a CD containing plenary documents.

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 or faxed to heads of delegations. Delegations are allowed fifteen business days from the end of the plenary meeting (December 5, 2008) 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 December 5, 2008 can still be included in the proceedings. 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

Technologies for Cotton Development

Sunday, November 16, 2008

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| 8:00 | Set up of Trade Booths at the International Conference Center Ouaga 2000 |
| 10:00
to 16:00 | Registration at the Conference Center
Tours and shopping opportunities (Depart from Sofitel Hotel) |
| 10:00 | Meeting of the Expert Panel on Social, Environmental and Economic Performance of Cotton Production (SEEP)
Salle B01 |
| 13:30 | Meeting of the Task Force on Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC) (observers welcome, pre-registration requested)
Salle B01 |
| 14:30 | Round Table discussion on Boll Weevil Control in South America (Salle Samadin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mario Rodríguez Rico, Cotton Grower, Coalcesar, Colombia |

- Haroldo Rodrigues da Cunha, President, Association of Brazilian Producers of Cotton (ABRAPA), Brazil
- Luis Basterra, Minister of Production, Province of Formosa, Argentina
- Patricia O'Leary, Senior Director, Agricultural Research, Cotton Incorporated, USA

19:00 Welcome Reception, Sofitel Hotel

Monday, November 17, 2008

8:00 Registration at the International Conference Center Ouaga 2000

- 9:00 **Opening Ceremony under the patronage of His Excellency Blaise Compaore, President of Burkina Faso: Salle de Banquet (Immediately next to Sofitel Hotel)**
Chair of the Plenary Meeting: Célestin T. Tiendrébéogo, Managing Director, Textile Fiber Company of Burkina Faso (SOFITEX)
- Mayor of the City of Ouagadougou
 - Célestin T. Tiendrébéogo, Managing Director, Textile Fiber Company of Burkina Faso, (SOFITEX)
 - Cecilia Marincioni, Chair of the Standing Committee, Embassy of Argentina, USA
 - Minister of Trade, Promotion of Enterprises and Craftsmanship

Inaugural Session: Main Plenary Room (International Conference Center)

- Report of the Chair of the Standing Committee, Cecilia Marincioni, Embassy of Argentina, USA
- Report of the Executive Director, Terry Townsend
- Keynote Speech by J.N. Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, India
- Approval of the Agenda of the 67th Plenary Meeting
- Welcoming Remarks on behalf of all delegates by Brazil

11:00 Tea/coffee

- 11:30 **First Open Session: The Roles of Government and the Private Sector in Technology Transfer**
Chair: Abdin M. Ali, Director General, Sudan Cotton Co. Ltd., Sudan
- Zan Dosaye Diarra, Director of Agriculture Production, Company for the Development of Textiles (CMDT), Mali
 - Ibad Badar Siddiqui, Vice President, Pakistan Central Cotton Committee (PCCC), Pakistan
 - Luz Amparo Fonseca-Prada, Executive Director, Conalgodón, Colombia
 - Ghulam Ali, Coordinator Commodities, CABI South Asia, UK
 - Discussion

13:30 Lunch for all participants

- 15:00 **Second Open Session: Biotechnology in Cotton: Lessons of Implementation**
Chair: Gnissa Konate, Director, Institute of Agricultural Research and for the Environment (INERA), Burkina Faso
- Saharah Moon Chapotin, Biotechnology Advisor, U.S. Agency for International Development, USA
 - C.B. Chaporkar, Cotton Research Lead, MAHYCO, India
 - Haroldo Rodrigues da Cunha, President, ABRAPA, Brazil
 - Osama Ahmed Momtaz, Deputy Director for Research, Agricultural Genetic Engineering Research Institute, Egypt
 - Discussion

17:00 Adjourn

19:00 Welcome Dinner at Sofitel Hotel: Hosted by H.E. Tertius Zongo, Prime Minister, Burkina Faso

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

- 7:30 Breakfast meeting of the Organic Cotton Project
Salle Samadin (by invitation only)
- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 **Third Open Session: Social, Environmental and Economic Performance (SEEP) of Cotton Production**
Chair: Wilfried Yaméogo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Promotion of Enterprises and Craftsmanship, Burkina Faso
- Allan Williams, Chair of the ICAC Expert Panel on SEEP, Technical Director of the Better Cotton Initiative, Australia, Interim Report from SEEP
 - Elke Hortmeyer, Manager Economic Research & Publications, Bremen Cotton Exchange, Germany
 - Christopher Ward, Agri-Consultant, Brazil
 - Subhash C. Grover, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Cotton Corporation of India, Ltd., India
 - Michel Fok, Project Coordinator, Cotton and Societies Research, CIRAD, France
 - Jens Soth, Coordinator for Research and Implementation Activities, Helvetas Organic Cotton Center, Switzerland
 - Nicolas Petit, Social-Labour Coordinator, Better Cotton Initiative, Belgium
 - Sarah Gavian, West African Cotton Improvement Program (WACIP), USA
 - Discussion
- 10:30 Tea/coffee
- 11:00 **Fourth Open Session: Outlook for Cotton Supply and Demand**
Chair: Didier Mercier, General Director, Geocoton, France
- Report from the Secretariat, Outlook for World Cotton Supply and Demand
 - Jacques Guéda Ouedraogo, Teacher of Economy, University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
 - Bruno Tromparent, Senior Sales Manager, Structured Trade Finance, HSBC, France
 - Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch for all participants
- Lunch meeting of the International Forum for Cotton Promotion (IFCP)
Salle B01
- Lunch Meeting of West African Cotton Researchers**
Proposal to form a regional cotton research network
Salle Samadin
- Lunch: First Plenary Session Panellists**
Salle Samadin
- 15:00 **First Plenary Session: What Next for Cotton and Multilateral Trade Negotiations**
Chair: Chiedu Osakwe, Director, World Trade Organization (WTO)
- Report from the Secretariat
 - Sávio Rafael Pereira, General Coordinator of Fibers and Oilseeds, Ministry of Agriculture, Brazil
 - Sériba Ouattara, General Director of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce for Promotion of Enterprises and Craftsmanship, Burkina Faso
 - J.N. Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, India
 - Jean-Marc Trarieux, Deputy Head of Unit (WTO), Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
 - Mark Manis, Senior Trade Policy Advisor, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, USA
 - Discussion (government representatives only)

- 16:00 Meeting of the Private Sector Advisory Panel (PSAP)
Salle B01 (by invitation, private sector observers welcome with pre-registration)
- 17:00 Adjourn
- 19:00 Dinner for all participants at the Azalai Hotel Independence (hosted by the Minister of Agriculture)

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

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- 9:00 **Second Plenary Session: Statements**
Chair: Célestin T. Tiendrébéogo, Managing Director, SOFITEX, Burkina Faso
- o Statements from International Organizations
 - o Statements from Member Countries
- 9:00 **Breakout Session: Progress Toward Standardization of Trade Rules**
Salle B01
Chair: Peter Wakefield, Director, Wakefield Inspection Service, Ltd., UK
Panel Members:
- o Didier Mercier, President, French Cotton Association (AFCOT), France
 - o Moustapha Diop, Commercial Director, Textile Fiber Development Company (SODEFITEX), Senegal
 - o Neal Gillen, Executive Vice President, American Cotton Shippers Association (ACSA), USA
 - o Jean-Marc Derossis, Director, The International Cotton Association Ltd., (ICA), UK
- 9:00 Technical Tour to view cotton production**
(Depart from the Conference Center)
(Return by 17:00hrs.)
- 10:30 Tea/coffee
- 11:00 **Second Plenary Session: Statements** (continued)
Chair: Célestin T. Tiendrébéogo, Managing Director, SOFITEX, Burkina Faso
- o Statements from Member Countries
 - o Statements from Non-Member Countries
- 11:00 **Breakout Session: IFCP Session on Cotton Promotion: A Call to Action**
Salle B01
Moderator: Jeff Silberman, Executive Director of the International Forum for Cotton Promotion (IFCP)
- o Panel Discussion organized by the IFCP
- 12:30 Lunch for all participants
- 14:00 Sightseeing & Shopping Opportunity
(Depart from Conference Center)
(Return by 18:00hrs)
- 18:00 Return to Ouagadougou, evening program open

Thursday, November 20, 2008

- 7:30 Breakfast meeting of plenary meeting host committees, Secretary General's Conference Room
(by invitation)
- 8:00 Registration

9:00

Fifth Open Session (Meeting of the Committee on Cotton Production Research)

Chair: Jacques Simpore, Director, Biomolecular Research Center and St. Camille Biomedical Laboratory, University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Technical Seminar: Improving the Sustainability of Cotton Production in Africa

- Positive Developments in Integrated Pest Control for Cotton in West Africa
Ouola Traoré, Head, Cotton Program, Institute of Agricultural Research and Environment (INERA), Burkina Faso
- Developing a Sustainable Production and Marketing System for the Cotton Industry in Kenya
Edwin Caleb Ikitoo, Director, Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI), Kenya
- Components of a Sustainable Cotton Production System: Perspectives from the Organic Exchange Experience
Simon Ferrigno, Director of the Farm Development Program, Organic Exchange, UK
- Environmental Risks Associated with Cotton Growing in Francophone Africa: Assessment and Current Developments
M. Cretenet, Annual Crops, Cotton Farming Systems, CIRAD-CA, France

10:30

Tea/coffee

11:00

Fifth Open Session (Technical Seminar) continued:

- Lowering Production Costs and Increasing Profitability
Amadou Aly Yattara, Head, Cotton Program, Institute of Rural Economy (IER), Mali
- Balancing Yield and Quality for Higher Profitability in Africa
Osama Amed Momtaz, Deputy Director, Genetic Engineering Research Institute, Egypt
- Topic for the 2009 Technical Seminar
- Reports of Regional Technical Networks/Associations
- Award-ICAC Researcher of the Year
- Discussion

11:00

Breakout Session: The Implications of Rising Energy Costs on Cotton Production and Trade

Chair: Abdoulaye Nabole, General Director, Filature du Sahel S.A. (FILSAH), Burkina Faso

- Yves Flodrops (retired) and Hubert Tonnin, Logistics Manager, Bollere Africa Logistics, France
- Vadim Bakarinov, President, Russian Cotton Association, Russian Federation
- Jaqdish Parihar, Managing Director, Olam, Singapore

12:30

Lunch for all participants

13:45

Meeting of the Drafting Group (member country delegates)

13:45

Breakout Session: New Developments in Cotton Ginning

Chair: Boubacar Sidiki B. Seye, Deputy Industrial Manager, SOFITEX, Burkina Faso

- Claude Vernier, Int'l Sales Representative, Lummus Corp., USA
- Roger Fermon, President, Continental Eagle Corp., USA
- Mahendra Kunar Sharma, President, Bajaj Steel Industries Ltd., India
- Sohail Mahmood, Past Chair, Pakistan Cotton Ginner's Association, Pakistan

15:30

Tea/coffee

16:00

Meeting of the Steering Committee (member country delegates)

Chair: Cecilia Marinicioni, Chair of the Standing Committee

- Election of Standing Committee Officers
- Consideration of Working Papers
- Report from the Private Sector Advisory Panel, Romano Bonadei, Fondazione Industrie Cotone Lino, Italy

- Approval of the Report of the Committee on Cotton Production Research
- Approval of the Statement of the 67th Plenary Meeting
- Other Business

16:00 **Breakout Session: New Developments in Pre-Ginning and Post-Ginning Processing Technology**

Chair: Abel Sanou, General Director, National Corporation of Transit, Burkina Faso

- Ali Compaore, General Director, Socoma, Burkina Faso
- Richard Haire, CEO, Australian Cotton Industry Council, Australia
- Yves Flodrops (retired) and Hubert Tonnin, Logistics Manager, Bolllore Africa Logistics, France

17:30 Adjourn

19:30 Gala Dinner

Friday, November 21, 2008

9:00 **Sixth Open Session: Competitiveness of African Cotton Production**

Chair: Ahmed Bachir Diop, General Director, SODEFITEX, Senegal

- Ibrahim Malloum, Director, SOMDIAA, France
- Happymore Mapara, Managing Director, The Cotton Company of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe
- Steven S.C. Chen, Chairman, Tah Tong Textile Company, Ltd., China (Taiwan)
- Patrick Labaste, Lead Agricultural Economist, The World Bank
- Mapri Kpolo, Executive Director, ARECA, Côte d'Ivoire

10:30 Tea/coffee

11:00 **Closing Plenary Session**

Chair: Célestin T. Tiendrébéogo, Managing Director, SOFITEX, Burkina Faso

- Invitation from South Africa to the 68th Plenary Meeting
- Closing comments by Turkey
- Closing comments by other countries
- Closing comments by the Chair on behalf of Burkina Faso

12:00 Lunch for all participants