

67TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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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. 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 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

- 8:00 Set up of Trade Booths at the International Conference Center
- 10:00 Registration in Sofitel
- to 16:00 Tours and shopping opportunities
- 10:00 Meeting of the Expert Panel on Social, Environmental and Economic Performance of Cotton Production (SEEP)
- 13:30 Meeting of the Task Force on Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC) (observers welcome, pre-registration requested)
- 14:30 Round Table discussion on Boll Weevil Control in South America
 - o Mario Rodríguez Rico, Cotton Grower, Coalcesar, Colombia
 - o Haroldo Rodrigues da Cunha, President, ABRAPA (Association of Brazilian Producers of Cotton)
 - o Luis Basterra, Minister of Production, Province of Formosa, Argentina
- 19:00 Welcome Reception, Sofitel Ouaga 2000

Monday, November 17, 2008

- 8:00 Registration at the International Conference Center
- 9:00 **Opening Ceremony under the patronage of His Excellency Blaise Compaore, President of Burkina Faso: Salle de Banquet**

Chair of the Plenary Meeting: Célestin T. Tiendrébéogo, Managing Director, Textile Fiber Company of Burkina Faso (SOFITEX)

- Inaugural Remarks, H.E. Tertius Zongo, Prime Minister, Burkina Faso

Inaugural Session: Main Plenary Room

- Report of the Chair of the Standing Committee, Cecilia Marincioni, Embassy of Argentina, USA
- Report of the Executive Director, Terry Townsend
- Overview of the Importance of “Technologies for Cotton Development,” 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: To be determined

- Ousmane Amion Guindo, President General Director, Company for the Development of Textiles (CMDT), Mali
- Licia Cossa, Head of Assisting Cotton Producers Department, IAM, Mozambique
- Ibad Badar Siddiqui, Vice President, Pakistan Central Cotton Committee, PCCC
- Luz Amparo Fonseca-Prada, Executive Director, Conalgodón, Colombia
- Ashraf Poswal, Regional Director, 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 (Association of Brazilian Producers of Cotton)
- Osama Ahmed Momtaz, Deputy Director for Research, Agricultural Genetic Engineering Research Institute, Egypt
- Discussion

17:00 Adjourn

19:00 Conference Dinner

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

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
- Representative of West Africa Cotton Improvement Program (WACIP)
- Elke Hortmeyer, Manager Economic Research & Publications, Bremen Cotton Exchange, Germany
- Christopher Ward, Agri-Consultant, Brazil
- Subhash Grover, Chairman and 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
- 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
- Macroeconomist, to be determined
- Grains specialist, to be determined
- Bruno Tromparent, Structured Trade Finance, HSBC, France
- Discussion

13:00 Lunch for all participants
Lunch meeting of the International Forum for Cotton Promotion (IFCP), Secretary General's Conference Room (by invitation)

15:00 **First Plenary Session: What Next for Cotton and Multilateral Trade Negotiations**

Chair: To be confirmed

- Report from the Secretariat
- Chiedu Osakwe, Director, WTO, Switzerland
- Representative of Brazil, to be determined
- Jean-Marc Trarieux, Delegation of the European Commission
- Mark Manis, Senior Trade Policy Advisor, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, USA
- Sériba Ouattara, General Director, Ministry of Commerce for Promotion of Enterprises and Craftsmanship, Burkina Faso
- Discussion (government representatives only)

16:00 Meeting of the Private Sector Advisory Panel (PSAP)
Sec. General's Conference Room (by invitation, private sector observers welcome with pre-registration)

17:00 Adjourn

19:00 Dinner for all participants

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

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

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

- Statements from International Organizations
- Statements from Member Countries

9:00 **Breakout Session: Progress Toward Standardization of Trade Rules**

Chair: Peter Wakefield, Director, Wakefield Inspection Service, Inc., UK

Panel Members:

- Didier Mercier, President, French Cotton Association (AFCOT), France
- Moustapha Diop, Commercial Director, Textile Fiber Development Company, SODEFITEX, Senegal
- Neal Gillen, Executive Vice President, American Cotton Shippers Association, ACSA, USA
- Discussion

- 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**
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
- 13:30 Sightseeing & Shopping Opportunity
Technical Tour to view cotton production and ginning
- 18:30 Return to Ouagadougou, evening program open

Thursday, November 20, 2008

- 7:00 Breakfast meeting of plenary meeting host committees, Sec General's Conference Room
(by invitation)
- 8:00 Registration
- 8:30 **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**
- o Oula Traoré, INERA, Burkina Faso
 - o Sarah Gavian, West African Cotton Improvement Program (WACIP), Mali
 - o Caled Ikitoo, Agricultural Research Institute (KARI), Kenya
 - o Peter Kapingu, Director, Lake Zone Agricultural Research and Development Institute, Tanzania
- 10:30 Tea/coffee
- 11:00 **Fifth Open Session (Technical Seminar) continued:**
- o Simon Ferrigno, Director, Organic Exchange, UK
 - o Maurice Vaissayre, Annual Crops, Cotton Farming Systems, CIRAD-CA, France
 - o Amadou Aly Yattara, Manager Cotton Program, Regional Centre for Agricultural Research, CPRA, Mali
 - o Mohamed Abdel M. Aziz, Director, Cotton Research Institute, Egypt
 - o Reports of Regional Technical Networks/Associations
 - o Topic for the 2009 Technical Seminar
 - o 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
- o Yves Flodrops (retired) and Hubert Tollin, Logistics Manager, Bolloré, France
 - o Vadim Bakarinov, President, Russian Cotton Association, Russian Federation
 - o 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: To be determined
- Ross Rutherford, Manager, Planning and Sales Support, 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 Ginners 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, John Mitchell, Cargill Cotton, USA
 - 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
 - To be determined, Burkina Faso
 - Yves Flodrops (retired) and Hubert Tollin, Logistics Manager, Bollore, France
- 17:30 Adjourn
- 19:30 Conference 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, SOMDIAA, France
 - Happymore Mapara, 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 the Chair on behalf of Burkina Faso
 - Closing comments by Turkey
 - Closing comments by other countries
- 12:00 Lunch for all participants