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## ***The Social and Environmental Impacts of Cotton Production and Use***

### **65<sup>th</sup> PLENARY MEETING IN GOIANIA**

Registration for the 65th Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) since 1939 is underway. Participants are encouraged to register at [www.ICAC.org](http://www.ICAC.org).

The meeting will be held during September 11-15, 2006 in Goiania, Goias, Brazil. The venue for the meeting will be the International Convention Center in Goiania. The meeting will be hosted by the Government of Brazil in cooperation with the Brazilian cotton industry.

The theme of the 65th Plenary Meeting is The Social and Environmental Impacts of Cotton Production and Use. This theme will provide an opportunity for constructive evaluation of the impacts of cotton production and consideration of better management practices that lead to improved social and environmental conditions. Topics for the meeting include:

1. Cotton Production: Efficiency and the Environment
2. Government Measures That Affect Cotton Production and Trade
3. Outlook for Cotton Supply and Use
4. Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC)
5. Technical Seminar: Improving Sustainability: Biotechnology and Crop Management
6. The Future of the South American Textile Industry
7. Marketing and Quality of Brazilian Cotton
8. Standardization of Trade Rules
9. Price Risk Management for Cotton
10. Improving the Competitiveness of Brazilian Cotton
11. Demand Enhancement
12. Organic Cotton Production

Notices of the meeting and invitations have been sent to all governments, cotton industry associations and previous plenary meeting participants. Registration is available on-line at [www.ICAC.org](http://www.ICAC.org) or by contacting the Secretariat for a registration booklet.

(Press releases are available via e-mail. To register for this free service, go to the ICAC web page at <http://www.icac.org/netforms/icac/lists/subscriptionform.html>)

The International Cotton Advisory Committee is an association of 41 governments of countries with an interest in cotton. The Secretariat of the Committee publishes information related to world cotton production, supply, demand and prices, and provides technical information on cotton production technology. Detailed statistics are found bimonthly in *COTTON: Review of the World Situation*, \$170 per year via email, \$210 per year in hard copy. A monthly outlook is available by email for \$265 per year. Access to the latest weekly estimates of world cotton supply and use by the Secretariat is available on the Internet for \$420 per year. Access Secretariat reports at [www.icac.org](http://www.icac.org).