

# Message From The Secretariat

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# ICAC- International Cotton Advisory Committee

- ▶ Provide statistics on world cotton production
- ▶ Technical information about cotton and cotton textiles
- ▶ Platform for discussion of cotton matters
- ▶ Represent cotton industry to international organizations
- ▶ Plenary meetings for discussion of cotton issues
- ▶ Organizes the World Cotton Research Conference
- ▶ <https://www.icac.org>



# SEACF-Southern and Eastern African Cotton Forum

- ▶ Regional network - Eastern & Southern Africa
- ▶ SEACF works under the auspices of the ICAC
- ▶ 1994 - African Cotton Research Network was formed
- ▶ 1997 - SEACF was formed
- ▶ The SEACF Secretariat is based in South Africa
- ▶ Biennial meetings



# SEACF-Southern and Eastern African Cotton Forum

- ▶ Review of research programs in member countries
- ▶ Identification of production constraints
- ▶ Avoid duplication of efforts
- ▶ Coordination of research programs
- ▶ Exchange of information
- ▶ Sharing of research facilities



# ICRA-International Cotton Researchers Association

- ▶ Platform for researchers to exchange information for mutual benefit
- ▶ Forum on challenges and solutions
- ▶ Information on cotton events
- ▶ <http://www.icracotton.org/>



# ACKNOWLEDGES

- ▶ ICAC – Continuous support and sponsorship
- ▶ Crop Research – creating the platform as a host
- ▶ LOC – Preparation and sourcing
- ▶ Mozambique – Chair for the past 4 years
- ▶ Ministry - Lands, Agriculture, and Rural Resettlement
- ▶ Delegates – presentations and discussions
- ▶ Private Sector – funds and presentations



# WAY FORWARD

- ▶ Funding: Hosting, membership and registration fees
- ▶ Frequency of the meeting
- ▶ Researchers database and networking
- ▶ Nomination of the Chairperson
- ▶ Nomination of the next hosting country

