



SPECIAL INVITATION

SEED SUMMIT Seeding & Breeding the Future of Organic Cotton

Join us to celebrate what's been achieved to date and to discuss next steps in improving the availability of non-GM cotton seed

TE & FiBL are jointly organizing an Organic Cotton Seed Summit to take place in Hamburg on 7th October 2016, with support from the Mercator Foundation Switzerland. The Summit is a continuation of the work of the [OCRT's Seed Task Force](#) and the focus will be on building a resilient future for organic cotton. The Summit is open to anyone with an interest in the future of seed in a time of climate change, concerns for biodiversity and inequality in seed access.

Following immediately after Textile Exchange's [Textile Sustainability Conference](#) and [Organic Cotton Round Table](#), the Summit will bring together stakeholders from across the value chain to strengthen the seed network of the organic cotton sector, facilitate knowledge exchange, and prepare the ground for further collaborations.

The Summit will showcase success stories from organic cotton seed activities taking place around the globe, including the latest advances in research and updates from seed breeding projects. Local solutions can become a model for other regions and will help us in moving forward a global cotton seed strategy. The Summit will provide opportunities for experience sharing and for planning ways forward in improving the availability of non-GM cotton seed. The ultimate aims are, in the short term, to secure the supply of seed for non-GM cotton production and, in the long-term, to ensure the continuous genetic improvement of cotton cultivars to enhance the performance of organic cotton in a sustainable way.

Keynote speakers will include:

Dr. K. Kranthi from the Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) in India, presenting recent research advances in native cotton species.

Prof. S.S. Patil from the University of Agricultural Science Dharwad in India, presenting breeding strategies that meet the diverse demands of farmers and the textile industry.

Prof. Dr. Jane Dever from Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in the USA, presenting an overview of the US organic seed sector.

SEED SUMMIT partners:



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SEED SUMMIT Registration

The Seed Summit is a free event but you must register online as soon as possible to secure your place. Registration is carried out through the same system as for TE's other events, so **if you have already registered for the Organic Cotton Round Table (OCRT) you can simply [amend your registration online](#) to include the Seed Summit** (contact Lisa@TextileExchange.org if you need assistance).

If you haven't yet registered for the OCRT, you can do so [here](#)*. Follow the on-screen instructions and, once on the "Options" page, select "Yes, I will attend the Seed Summit"

**Since the Seed Summit is a follow-on from the OCRT, you must register for the OCRT first so that you can add the Seed Summit to your registration. If you want to attend the Seed Summit but cannot attend the OCRT, you must register for both but please inform Lisa by email that you do not plan to attend the OCRT.*

AGENDA

8:30am-5pm, Friday 7th October 2016, Grand Elysee Hotel, Hamburg, Germany

08:30 Welcome and introduction to the day's program by Monika Messmer (FiBL) and Liesl Truscott (TE)

ORGANIC COTTON SEED ACTIVITIES AROUND THE GLOBE

08:40 USA: Keynote by Prof. Dr. Jane Dever (Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in the USA): Overview of the US organic seed sector

09:05 Brazil: Pedro Jorge (Esplar)

09:15 Burkina Faso: Armel Kambou (UNPCB)

09:25 Benin: Simplicie Davo Vodouhe (OBEPAB)

09:35 Kyrgyzstan: Ismail Arapov (HELVETAS Bio Cotton Project)

09:45 China: Allen You (TE Ambassador)

09:55 Discussion

10:30 ~ Refreshments ~

ORGANIC COTTON SEED ACTIVITIES IN INDIA

11:00 Keynote Dr. K. Kranthi from the Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) in India, presenting recent research advances on native cotton species for India's robust road map

11:25 Keynote Prof. S.S. Patil from the University of Agricultural Science Dharwad in India, presenting breeding strategies to meet the demands of the organic cotton sector

11:50 Green Cotton Project: participatory cotton breeding (Monika Messmer, FiBL and Ramprasad Sana, Chetna Organic)

12:10 Organic Cotton Accelerator (Bart Vollaard, OCA)

12:20 Socioeconomic survey among organic Farmers in India (Amritbir Riar, FiBL)

12:30 Discussion

13:00 ~ Lunch ~

WORLD CAFE

14:15 Introduction to World Cafe

14:30 World Cafe on various topics (including organic cotton breeding; seed multiplication & quality; utilizing genetic diversity; co-existence GMO - GMO analytic; and more)

15:45 ~ Refreshments ~

16:00 Feedback

16:30 Podium of key note speakers & final discussions

17:00 Close of event