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Lisbon 18-20 May

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Joint Actions, Resilient Futures

We gather in Lisbon at a turning point – one defined not by a single trend but by overlapping transformations that are reshaping agriculture, trade, technology, and society.

Food systems are under more strain and more scrutiny than ever before. Geopolitical pressure points redirect trade routes. Climate shocks continue to upend predictability. Regulatory frameworks for seed movement, sustainability, and gene editing are slow to keep up or develop unevenly. Societal expectations are shifting as three generations converge in the workplace. And at the same time, innovation has never been more powerful or more accessible.

If high-quality seed is the starting point of every good harvest, then the people in this Congress – plant breeders, scientists, policymakers, business leaders, youth advocates – are the architects of the world's future food security. What we decide, align on, and build together will echo far beyond our sector.

Across all the themes explored in the Congress, the same truth emerges: no single organization, country, or company can solve these challenges alone. But jointly we can build seed systems that are resilient by design, markets that are open and science-based, and innovations that improve productivity, sustainability, and social inclusion.

Sunday, 17 May 2026



06:30-15:30	ISF Golf Tournament sponsored by Incotec	<u>Quinta da Marinha Golf Course</u>
11:00-18:00	Registration and Badge Collection	Foyer, <u>Centro de Congressos Lisboa (CCL)</u>
17:00-19:00	Charity boat cruise sponsored by Germain's Seed Technology	Targus River Boat Dock
19:00-22:00	ISF President's Dinner <i>(by invitation only)</i>	External Venue





Monday, 18 May 2026

Overview

07:00-18:00	Registration / Badge Collection	Foyer, GF, CCL
09:00-10:45	<u>Opening Ceremony</u>	Auditorium 1, Floor 1, CCL
11:00-18:00	Exhibition Floor Opening Trading Floor Seed Trade Info Desk Private Meeting Rooms Panels & CWS Media Work Room	CCL
11:30-12:30	Press conference	Mirror Restaurant, Floor 1, CCL
12:00-14:00	Lunch	Exhibition floor, GF, CCL
11:00-16:00	Accompanying Persons Tour	Lisbon, Belém & Parque das Noções
19:00-23:00	Welcome Party	<u>Estufa Fria Botanical Garden, Lisbon</u>



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11:30-12:00	CWS - <u>From Seed to Shield: Why Treated Seed Matters</u>	Channel World Seed, CCL
12:00-13:00	<i>Exchanging Seed Industry and Value Chain Perspectives</i> workshop by Elfin Consulting	Mirror Restaurant, Floor 1, CCL
13:00-13:50	<u>Value Chain Forum - Seeds & Grains: Balancing Plant Breeding Innovation, Transparency & Consumer Needs</u>	Mirror Restaurant, Floor 1, CCL
13:15-13:30	Prime Time Exhibitor: NGIN	Channel World Seed, CCL
14:00-14:30	<u>CWS - Canada & the Future of Global Agriculture: Innovation, Investment & the Road to World Seed Congress 2027 with Seed World</u>	Channel World Seed, CCL
14:00-14:30	Job Market in Seeds with NGIN	Future Generation Corner
14:00-15:00	PETKUS Academy: <i>Perfect Seed in Practice: Flexible Cleaning, One-Step Processing and High-Performance Calibration</i>	Auditorium III, Floor 1, CCL
14:30-15:30	<u>Panel - Shocks, Shifts, and Silver Linings: What's Ahead for Global Seed Markets?</u>	Plenary Room, CCL
15:00-15:15	Prime Time Exhibitor: Bühler	Channel World Seed, CCL
15:30-16:00	<u>CWS sponsored by Syngenta Seedcare: Hybrid wheat - Improving cereal yields and protecting the environment</u>	Channel World Seed, CCL
16:00-16:30	Fireside Chat with Antonio Costa Silva , former Minister of Economy & Maritime Affairs, Republic of Portugal	Plenary Room, CCL
16:30-17:00	<u>CWS - From data to decisions: Global trends shaping seed & agri-food markets</u>	Channel World Seed, CCL
17:00-18:00	BASF Happy Hour	BASF Booth, CCL
19:00-23:00	Welcome Party	<u>Estufa Fria Botanical Garden, Lisbon</u>





Tuesday, 19 May 2026

Overview

06:00-07:30	Run for Seed Resilience	CCL - Waterfront
07:00-15:00	Registration	Foyer A, GF, CCL
08:00-18:00	Exhibition Floor Opening Trading Floor Seed Trade Info Desk Private Meeting Rooms Panels & CWS Media Work Room	CCL
09:00-18:00	Accompanying Persons Tour	Sintra, Cascais & surroundings
10:00-10:30	Coffee break	
12:00-14:00	Lunch	Exhibition floor, GF, CCL
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	



Tuesday, 19 May 2026



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09:00-10:00	<u>Panel - From Field to Lunchbox: The Journey of Gene-Edited Foods</u>	Plenary Room, CCL
10:00-10:30	<u>CWS - Biologicals on Seeds: Building Clarity and Guidance Across Regulations</u>	Channel World Seed, CCL
10:00-10:45	Panel by Elfin Consulting - From Seed to Shelf: Building Transparent, Sustainable Value Chains in Modern Food Systems	Mirror Restaurant, Floor 1, CCL
10:00-11:00	PETKUS Academy: From Single-Kernel Images to System-Level Predictions: Artificial Intelligence as a Tool for Maximizing Natural Potential of Seeds	Auditorium III, Floor 1, CCL
11:00-12:00	<u>Panel by Bayer Crop Science - Leading Breeding: Policies That Power Innovation</u>	Plenary Room, CCL
12:00-12:30	<u>CWS sponsored by Syngenta Seedcare: Expanding Expertise from the Lab to the Field - How Syngenta's Seedcare & Biologicals Institutes are evolving for the future</u>	Channel World Seed, CCL
12:00-14:00	<u>Panel - The Future of Family Business in the Seed Sector: Key Success Factors</u>	Mirror Restaurant, Floor 1, CCL
13:00-13:15	Prime Time Exhibitor: Incotec	Channel World Seed, CCL
13:00-14:00	<u>CWS - Resolving Disputes Smarter: Mediation, Arbitration and Beyond</u>	Channel World Seed, CCL
14:30-15:00	CWS with Gates Ag One - Unleashing Innovation: Getting Game-Changing Seeds into the Hands of Africa's Smallholder Farmers	Channel World Seed, CCL
14:30-15:30	<u>Panel - The Biodiversity Framework for Global Plant Genetic Resources</u>	Plenary Room, CCL
15:30-16:00	<u>CWS - Lasting Legacy with Local Social Impact</u>	Channel World Seed, CCL
16:00-16:30	<u>Fireside Chat with Jeff Rowe, CEO, Syngenta Group</u>	Plenary Room, CCL
17:00-17:30	NGIN Speed Networking (by invitation only)	Future Generation Corner
17:00-18:00	Corteva Happy Hour	Corteva Booth, CCL



Wednesday, 20 May 2026

Overview

07:00-15:00	Registration	Foyer A, GF, CCL
07:00-09:00	Women's Breakfast	Mirror Restaurant, Floor 1, CCL
08:00-18:00	Exhibition Floor Opening Trading Floor Seed Trade Info Desk Private Meeting Rooms Panels & CWS Media Work Room	CCL
09:00-14:00	Accompanying Persons Tour - <i>Lisbon Foodie Tour</i>	Lisbon
10:00-10:30	Coffee break	
12:00-14:00	Lunch	Exhibition floor, GF, CCL
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	
19:00-02:00	Farewell Get-Together	<u>Convento do Beato</u>



Wednesday, 20 May 2026



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09:00-10:15	<u>Panel - Beyond ESG: What Sustainability Really Looks Like for Agriculture</u>	Plenary Room, CCL
10:00-10:30	<u>CWS - Planting Resilient Forests Starts with Seeds</u>	Channel World Seed, CCL
11:00-12:00	<u>Panel - From Belém to Lisbon: Plant Health, COP 30 & the Future of Seed Trade</u>	Plenary Room, CCL
11:15-11:30	Prime Time Exhibitor: Intertek	Channel World Seed, CCL
11:30-12:00	NGIN: Supporting Young Farmers	Future Generation Corner
12:00-12:30	<u>CWS sponsored by Germaines Seed Technology: From Centralized Expertise to Local Impact — Building Resilient Seed Systems Through Strategic Collaboration</u>	Channel World Seed, CCL
12:00-14:00	Associate Members' Lunch - Beyond Negotiation: Building the Next Era of Cooperation on Genetic Resources (Associate Members only)	Mirror Restaurant, Floor 1, CCL
13:00-13:30	<u>CWS - Farmers' participation in value-creation mechanisms: Updates on royalty collection</u>	
14:00-14:15	Prime Time Exhibitor: Akyurek	Channel World Seed, CCL
14:00-15:00	<u>Panel - From Vision to Reality: Designing Truly Inclusive Seeds Systems</u>	Plenary Room, CCL
14:00-15:00	PETKUS ACADEMY: Operational flexibility ranging from formulation to processing, considering process control and data management requirements	Auditorium III, Floor 1, CCL
15:30-16:00	CWS with NGIN - Attracting Youth: Moving from Conversation to Action	Channel World Seed, CCL
16:00-17:30	ISF General Assembly (Members Only)	Plenary Room, CCL
19:00-02:00	Farewell Get-Together	<u>Convento do Beato</u>





Shuttle Service / Transfers

Golf Tournament, Sunday, 17 May 2026

06:30 Hyatt to Quinta da Marinha

15:30 Quinta da Marinha to Hyatt

Welcome Party, Monday, 18 May 2026

18:30 - 19:00 CCL to Estufa Fria (every 10 minutes)

21:30 - 22:15 Estufa Fria to CCL (every 15 minutes)

Farewell Get Together, Wednesday, 20 May 2026

18:30 - 19:00 CCL to Convento do Beato (every 10 minutes)

22:30 - 02:00 Convento do Beato to CCL (every 30 minutes)





PANELS & CHANNEL WORLD SEED SESSIONS

PANEL SESSIONS

18-20 May 2026, Centro de Congressos Lisboa (CCL)



Opening Ceremony: Joint Actions, Resilient Futures

Monday, 18 May, 9:00-10:30, Auditorium I



Seeds & Grains: Balancing Plant Breeding Innovation, Transparency & Consumer Needs

Monday, 18 May, 13:00-13:50, Mirror Restaurant



Shocks, Shifts & Silver Linings: What's Ahead for Global Seed Markets?

Monday, 18 May, 14:30-15:30, Plenary Room



From Field to Lunchbox: The Journey of Gene-Edited Foods

Tuesday, 19 May, 9:00-10:00, Plenary Room



The Future of Family Business in the Seed Sector: Key success factors

Tuesday, 19 May, 12:00-14:00, Mirror Restaurant



Sowing the Future: The Biodiversity Framework for Global Plant Genetic Resources

Tuesday, 19 May, 14:30-15:30, Plenary Room



Fireside Chat with Jeff Rowe, Syngenta Group CEO

Tuesday, 19 May, 16:00-16:30, Plenary Room



Beyond ESG: What Sustainability Really Looks Like for Agriculture

Wednesday, 20 May, 9:00-10:15, Plenary Room



From Belém to Lisbon: Plant Health, COP 30 and the Future of Seed Trade

Wednesday, 20 May, 11:00-12:00, Plenary Room



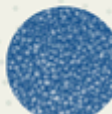
From Vision to Reality: Designing Truly Inclusive Seed Systems

Wednesday, 20 May, 14:00-15:00, Plenary Room

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CHANNEL WORLD SEED

18-20 May 2026, Centro de Congressos Lisboa (CCL) & Online



From Seed to Shield: Why Treated Seed Matters

Monday, 18 May, 11:30-12:00



Global Markets Outlook with SAP Global and A-Insights

Monday, 18 May, 16:30-17:00



Biologicals on Seeds: Building Clarity and Guidance Across Regulations

Tuesday, 19 May, 10:00-10:30



Resolving Disputes Smarter: Mediation, Arbitration and Beyond

Tuesday, 19 May, 13:30-14:00



Portugal Investments and Legacy Project

Tuesday, 19 May, 15:30-16:00



Planting Resilient Forests Starts with Seeds

Wednesday, 20 May, 10:30-11:00



Farmers' participation in value-creation mechanisms: Updates on royalty collection

Wednesday, 20 May, 13:00-13:30



Attracting Youth: Moving from Conversation to Action, with NGIN

Wednesday, 20 May, 15:30-16:00

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SPEAKERS





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Christine Hazel
Global Regulatory Lead -
Seed Applied Technologies,
Corteva Agriscience



Remco Kwakman
Global Seed Technology Lead,
Syngenta



Giovanni Lopez
Seed Treatment Researcher,
DLF



MODERATOR
Jean-Paul Judson
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FROM SEED TO SHIELD: WHY TREATED SEED MATTERS

Monday, 18 May 2026, 11:30-12:00, Channel World Seed



SEEDS & GRAINS: BALANCING PLANT BREEDING INNOVATION, TRANSPARENCY & CONSUMER NEEDS

Monday, 18 May 2026, 13:00-13:50, Mirror Restaurant, CCL



Arnaud Petit
Executive Director,
International Grains Council



Jaine Chisholm Caunt OBE
Director General,
Grain & Feed Trade Association



Krista Thomas
Managing Director,
International Grain Trade Coalition



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Greg MacDonald
Agriculture Counsellor,
Mission of Canada
to the EU



Dan Wright
CEO,
Seeds Canada



MODERATOR
Madeleine Baerg
Seed World Group

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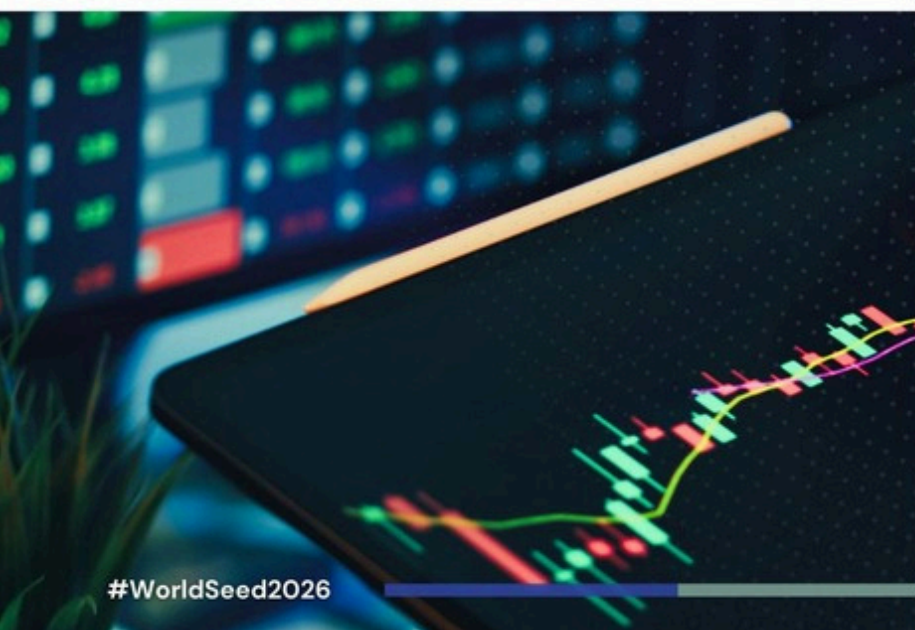
**CANADA AND THE FUTURE OF GLOBAL AGRICULTURE:
INNOVATION, INVESTMENT, AND THE ROAD TO
WORLD SEED CONGRESS 2027**

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**SHOCKS, SHIFTS & SILVER LININGS:
WHAT'S AHEAD FOR GLOBAL SEED MARKETS?**

Monday, 18 May 2026, 14:30-15:30, Plenary Room, CCL



Moderated by:

Susannah Savage
Financial Times



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Robert Hiles
Head of Marketing and Portfolio
- Seeds Field Crops, Syngenta



Claire Taylor
Advocacy

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HYBRID WHEAT - IMPROVING CEREAL YIELDS AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

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FIRESIDE CHAT

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António Costa Silva

Former Minister of Economy &
Maritime Affairs, Republic of
Portugal

Moderator: Linda Pereira

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Bharti Malhotra
Senior Analyst, Crop Science,
S&P Global



Shaun Wilken
Strategic Solutions Specialist,
A-INSIGHTS



MODERATOR
Tania Karas
Devex

FROM DATA TO DECISIONS: GLOBAL TRENDS SHAPING SEED & AGRI-FOOD MARKETS

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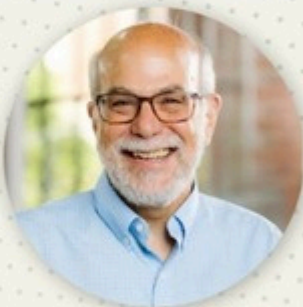


FROM FIELD TO LUNCHBOX: THE JOURNEY OF GENE-EDITED FOODS

Tuesday, 19 May 2026, 9:00-10:00, Plenary Room, CCL



Paula Cruz Garcia
Deputy Director General
Directorate-General for Food and
Veterinary (DGAV), Portugal



Tom Adams
Co-Founder & CEO,
Pairwise



Eyal Maori
Co-Founder & CTO,
Tropic



Simona Radutoiu
Scientific Director, Enabling
Nutrient Symbioses in
Agriculture (ENSA)





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Rob Gaffney
Director Global Marketing
Seed Treatments, BASF



Christine Hazel
Global Regulatory Lead -
Seed Applied Technologies,
Corteva Agriscience



Rob Pronk
Global Marketing Manager,
INCOTEC



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Jean-Paul Judson
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BIOLOGICALS ON SEEDS: BUILDING CLARITY & GUIDANCE ACROSS REGULATIONS

Tuesday, 19 May 2026, 10:00-10:30, Channel World Seed



LEADING BREEDING: POLICIES THAT POWER INNOVATION

Tuesday, 19 May 2026, 11:00-12:00, Plenary Room, CCL



John Hickey
Corn Germplasm
Product Unit Lead,
Bayer



Lieselot Bertho
Senior Regulatory
Policy Manager,
Bayer



Ellen Sparry
General Manager C&M
Seeds & 2nd Vice
President ISF



Krista Thomas
Managing Director,
International Grain
Trade Coalition



MODERATOR
Naomi Stevens
Global Policy Advocacy,
Bayer & ISF CGPBI Chair

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Will Salter
Global Seedcare and
Biologicals Institute Lead,
Syngenta



Benoît Hussherr
Senior Agronomist, Seedcare
and Biologicals Institute,
Syngenta



Guido Ramirez
Global Product Manager,
Syngenta Seedcare and
Biologicals

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**EXPANDING EXPERTISE FROM THE LAB TO THE FIELD
- HOW SYNGENTA'S SEEDCARE & BIOLOGICALS
INSTITUTES ARE EVOLVING FOR THE FUTURE**

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**THE FUTURE OF FAMILY BUSINESS IN THE
SEED SECTOR: KEY SUCCESS FACTORS**

Tuesday, 19 May 2026, 12:00-14:00, Mirror Restaurant, CCL



Moderated by:

Albert Jan Thomassen
Family Business Network
Netherlands





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Jaine Chisholm Caunt OBE
Director General,
Grain & Feed Trade Association



Fabrizio Ceccarelli
Vice-Chair CG Arbitration,
ISF Arbitration



H el ene Guillot
Consultant,
ISF Arbitration



Moderator
Claire Taylor
Agvocacy

RESOLVING DISPUTES SMARTER: MEDIATION, ARBITRATION & BEYOND

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SOWING THE FUTURE: THE BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK FOR GLOBAL PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES

Tuesday, 19 May 2026, 14:30-15:30, Plenary Room, CCL



Vania Azevedo
Director
CGIAR Genebanks Accelerator



David Bertioli
Professor, College of Agricultural &
Environmental Sciences,
University of Georgia



Alwin K opse
Head of International Affairs
Federal Office for Agriculture,
Switzerland

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LASTING LEGACY WITH LOCAL SOCIAL IMPACT

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FIRESIDE CHAT

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Jeff Rowe
CEO, Syngenta Group

Moderator: Susannah Savage, Financial Times

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BEYOND ESG: WHAT SUSTAINABILITY REALLY LOOKS LIKE FOR AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, 20 May 2026, 9:00-10:15, Plenary Room, CCL



Natasha Santos Eastwood
Head of Sustainability & Strategic Engagement, Bayer Crop Science



Daniela España
Director of Sustainability, Florverde - ASOCFLORES



Luiza Martins Reguse
Senior Manager, Consumer Goods Forum



Justin Davis
Chief Operating Officer, Sakata Seed America

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Remko Boevé
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Forestry Specialist, Sveaskog



Arthur Santosh Attavar
President, ISF



Anna-Maria Farsakoglou
Deputy EUFORGEN Coordinator, European Forest Institute



MODERATOR Claire Taylor
Advocacy

PLANTING RESILIENT FORESTS STARTS WITH SEEDS

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FROM BELÉM TO LISBON: PLANT HEALTH, COP 30 AND THE FUTURE OF SEED TRADE

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Henrique Alves
Global Regulatory Strategy
Executive Manager,
GDM



Lloyd Day
Deputy Director General,
Inter-American Institute for
Cooperation on Agriculture



Enrico Perotti
Secretary, International Plant
Protection Convention (IPPC)

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FARMERS' PARTICIPATION IN VALUE-CREATION MECHANISMS: UPDATES ON ROYALTY COLLECTION

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FROM VISION TO REALITY: DESIGNING TRULY INCLUSIVE SEED SYSTEMS

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Moderated by:

Julie Borlaug
Borlaug Foundation



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Srilekha Basarahalli
Youth Ambassador,
NGIN



Earl White
Youth Ambassador,
NGIN



Rashmi Attavar
Joint Managing Director,
Indo-American Hybrid Seeds



MODERATOR
Xander Beks
Eye For Nature

ATTRACTING YOUTH: MOVING FROM CONVERSATION TO ACTION

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