



PORTUGAL 2026
Lisbon 18-20 May

Program for Journalists

as of 29 April 2026

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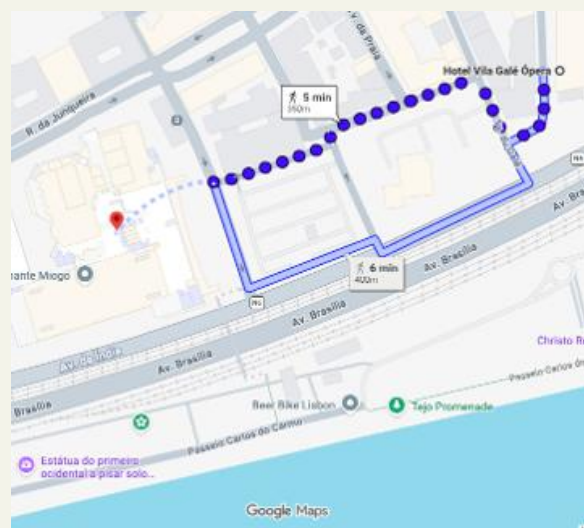


Sunday, 17 May 2026

11:00-18:00	Registration and Badge Collection	Foyer, <u>Centro de Congressos Lisboa (CCL)</u>
15:00	Check-in	<u>Vila Gale Opera hotel</u>

Congress venue:
Centro de Congressos Lisboa (CCL)

Hotel:
Hotel Vila Galé Ópera



Monday, 18 May 2026



Overview

07:00-18:00	Registration / Badge Collection	Foyer, GF, CCL
09:00-10:45	Opening Ceremony	Auditorium 1, Floor 1, CCL
11:00-18:00	Exhibition Floor Opening Panel Discussions Channe World Seed Media Work Room	CCL
11:30-12:30	Press conference	Mirror Restaurant, Floor 1, CCL
12:00-14:00	Lunch	Exhibition floor, GF, CCL



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Program

11:30-12:00	CWS - <u><i>From Seed to Shield: Why Treated Seed Matters</i></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	CWS - <i>Canada and the Future of Global Agriculture: Innovation, Investment, and the Road to World Seed Congress 2027</i>	Channel World Seed, CCL
14:00-14:30	Job Market in Seeds with NGIN	Future Generation Corner
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	Channel World Seed sponsored by Syngenta Seedcare	Channel World Seed, CCL
16:00-16:30	Fireside Chat with former Minister of Economy, Republic of Portugal (TBC)	Plenary Room, CCL
16:30-17:00	<u>CWS - <i>From data to decisions: Global trends shaping seed & agri-food markets</i></u>	Channel World Seed, CCL
17:00-18:00	BASF Happy Hour	BASF Booth, CCL





Tuesday, 19 May 2026

Overview

06:00-07:30	<u>Run for Seed Resilience*</u>	CCL - Waterfront
07:00-15:00	Registration	Foyer A, GF, CCL
08:00-18:00	Exhibition Floor Opening Panel Discussions Channe World Seed Media Work Room	CCL
10:00-10:30	Coffee break	Exhibition floor, GF, CCL
12:00-14:00	Lunch	
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	
18:30-20:30	Press Cocktail/Aperitivo	Restaurant TBC

**For those interested to join the charity run/walk, please email Airah.*



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09:00-10:00	Panel - <u>From Field to Lunchbox: The Journey of Gene-Edited Foods</u>	Plenary Room, CCL
10:00-10:30	CWS - <i>Biologicals on Seeds: Building Clarity and Guidance Across Regulations</i>	Channel World Seed, CCL
10:00-10:45	Panel by Elfin Consulting - <i>From Seed to Shelf: Building Transparent, Sustainable Value Chains in Modern Food Systems</i>	Mirror Restaurant, Floor 1, CCL
11:00-12:00	Panel by Bayer Crop Science - <i>Leading Breeding: Policies That Power Innovation</i>	Plenary Room, CCL
12:00-12:30	Channel World Seed sponsored by Syngenta Seedcare	Channel World Seed, CCL
12:00-14:00	Panel - <u>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	CWS - <i>Resolving Disputes Smarter: Mediation, Arbitration and Beyond</i>	Channel World Seed, CCL
14:30-15:00	Channel World Seed with Gates Ag One	Channel World Seed, CCL
14:30-15:30	Panel - <u>The Biodiversity Framework for Global Plant Genetic Resources</u>	Plenary Room, CCL
15:30-16:00	CWS - <i>Portugal Investments and Legacy</i>	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, CCL
17:00-18:00	Corteva Happy Hour	Corteva Booth, CCL
18:30-20:30	Press Cocktail Reception	ICON Rooftop Bar, Hyatt Regency Hotel



Wednesday, 20 May 2026



Field Visit

07:30	Departure from Vila Gale Opera Hotel	Hotel lobby
08:30	Arrive at pepper and tomatoes farm	Campelos
08:30-10:30	Farm visit Tomatoes/pepper tasting Presentation	Campelos
10:30-11:30	Travel to Lezirias from Campelos	
12:00-13:00	Lunch	Lezirias
13:30-16:00	Farm visit	Companhia das Lezirias
16:00-17:00	Travel back to hotel	



Thursday, 21 May 2026



'Legacy Project' Launch

09:00	Official presentation Field visit Q&A	Institute Superior de Agronomia, Universidade de Lisboa (ISA)
10:30	Networking	



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PANELS & SPEAKERS



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Christine Hazel
Global Regulatory Lead -
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Remco Kwakman
Global Seed Technology Lead,
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Giovanny Lopez
Seed Treatment Researcher,
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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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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

Monday, 18 May 2026, 16:30-17:00, Channel World Seed



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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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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Moderator: **Pratima Singh**, Economist Impact



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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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BIOLOGICALS ON SEEDS: BUILDING CLARITY & GUIDANCE ACROSS REGULATIONS

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

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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



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Moderated by:

Albert Jan Thomassen
Family Business Network
Netherlands



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Jaïne Chisholm Caunt OBE
Director General,
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Fabrizio Ceccarelli
Chair CG Arbitration
ISF Arbitration



Hélène Guillot
Consultant,
ISF Arbitration



MODERATOR
Claire Taylor
Advocacy

RESOLVING DISPUTES SMARTER: MEDIATION, ARBITRATION & BEYOND

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

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Vania Azevedo
Director
CGIAR Genebanks Accelerator



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



Alwin Köpse
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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Moderator: **Nicole Ris**



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Remko Boevé
TAS Working Group Chair
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Johanna Gärdebrink
Forestry Specialist,
Sveaskog



Arthur Santosh Attavar
President, ISF



Anna-Maria Farsakoglou
Deputy EUFORGEN
Coordinator,
European Forest Institute



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Claire Taylor
Advocacy

PLANTING RESILIENT FORESTS STARTS WITH SEEDS

Wednesday, 20 May 2026, 10:30-11:00, Channel World Seed



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

Wednesday, 20 May 2026, 11:00-12:00, Plenary Room, CCL



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)



Moderator: **Jean Paul Judson**



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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
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