International Sugar Organization



35th INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

"Sugar Around the World: Contributing to a Better Future"

In Memory of Julian Price

Tuesday 1st - Wednesday 2nd December 2026

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The Chairman this year is José Orive, Executive Director of the International Sugar Organization (ISO) since 2014 and now is in his last year at the ISO. This year's theme of the importance of considering the sucro-energetic world in a holistic way could not be more relevant to José's vision for the sugar and ethanol world about which he is so passionate. The need to encourage and inspire the best in people working in the sector so that they can flourish and bring out new ideas for the improvement of the whole sector is essential and something that is being done across the board with investment in people and technology. Sugar, be it cane or beet, is not grown in splendid isolation; it is part of a broad agricultural and economic picture that impacts the way we all live now and will continue to do so in the future. This year's seminar brings together experts and world leaders who can bring about change with their energy, know-how and vision. It promises to be once more THE sugar event of the year which really must be attended.

Interpretation will be available in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

REGISTRATION OPEN

Individual registration fee: £1,350 [€1,575. US$1,845].

Group rate (three or more individuals from the same company): £1,200 [€1,400, US$1,640]

Registration this year includes lunch and evening reception on Day One.

Tuesday, 1st December 2026

08:00 - 09:05 **REGISTRATION**

09:05 - 09:20 ***OPENING REMARKS FROM JOSE ORIVE***

- **José Orive, Executive Director, ISO**

09:20 - 10:00 ***SESSION 1: GLOBAL MARKET OVERVIEW***

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: **Guilherme Nastari, Director, DATAGRO, Brazil**

Comments:

- **Deepak Ballani, Director General, ISMA, India**
- **Dimitri Varsano, Co-Global Head of Sugar Trading, SUCDEN**

10:00 – 10:30 ***Coffee Break***

10:30 – 11:45 ***SESSION 2: CHALLENGES FOR EUROPE***

- **Stefan Streng, Chairman of the Board, SÜDZUCKER**
- **Dimitris Karathanasis, CEO, Athenian Sugar**
- **Olivier Leducq, Group CEO, Tereos**

11:45 - 12:45 ***CENTRAL AMERICA: CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE***

- ***Fortification of Sugar with Vitamin A*** **- Luis Miguel Paiz, CEO, GUATECAÑA**
- ***Programmes for People*** **- Mateo Yibrin, President, APAH, Honduras**
- ***Sustainable and Productive*** **- Mario Amador, General Manager, ESASA, Nicaragua**

12:45 - 13:15 ***PRESENTATION OF THE ISO SUGAR EXCELLENCE AWARD***

13:15 - 15:15 ***LUNCH - Church House – Hoare Memorial Hall and Bishop Partridge Hall***

15:15 – 16:00 ***SESSION 3: DOING WATER RIGHT***

- **Felipe Gaviria, Director General, Risaralda, Colombia**
- **Xavier Astolfi, Director General, Cristal Union, France**

16:00 - 17:00 ***SESSION 4: THAILAND A WORLD LEADER***

- **Chalush Chintammit, CEO, KSL**
- **Parin Amatyakul, CEO (Sugar Business), MITR PHOL**

17:00 - 18:00 ***THE POTENTIAL OF AFRICA, WORKING WITH PEOPLE***

- **Dr Megan Harrington, Postdoctoral Researcher, Toyota Wessels Institute for Manufacturing Studies (TWIMS), University of Pretoria, South Africa**

18:00 - 20:00 ***EVENING RECEPTION – Church House, Hoare Memorial Hall***

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09:00 - 10:00 ***SESSION 5: COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY***

- **Nicole Dinter, Head of Communications & Public Affairs NORDZUCKER, Germany**
- **Richard Ham, Managing Director, Metele Caña SA, Mexico**
- **Benigno Trueba, Executive VP, CAEI, Dominican Republic**

10:00 - 10:30 ***Coffee Break***

10:30 -11:10 ***SESSION 6: THE FUTURE IN AFRICA***

- **Sifiso Mhlaba, Executive Director, South African Sugar Association**
- **Kamar Bakrin, Executive Secretary, National Sugar Development Council, Nigeria**
- **Keneth Bengesi, Director General, Sugar Board of Tanzania**

11:10 - 12:30 ***SESSION 7: INVESTING PRODUCTIVELY***

- **Imad Ghammad, Director General, COSUMAR, Morocco**
- **Flavio Castellari, Director, UTTAM SUCROTECH, India**

12:30 - 13:00 ***SUSTAINABILTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT: COLOMBIA'S BIOVERSE CORRIDOR***

- **Dr. Claudia Calero, President, ASOCANA**

13:00 - 15:00 ***LUNCH – Delegates own arrangements***

15:00 - 15:30 ***100 YEARS, A MILESTONE!***

- **Niels Pörksen, CEO, Südzucker, Germany**

15:30 – 16:15 ***CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS***

- **Representative, European Parliament**
  Raul de la Hoz, EPP

***Invited**

For reasons not under the organizers' control, this agenda may be altered until the date of the event.

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