

International Sugar Organization



ISO

32nd INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

***“Energy, Prices, Geopolitics,
Complex regulations:
Opportunities for Innovation”***

Tuesday 21st - Wednesday 22nd November 2023

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Our Chair for this year's seminar is known to a great many of you: Mr Pedro Robério de Melo Nogueira, President of SINDAÇÚCAR in Alagoas and Vice President of the Agroindustry Council in Brazil's National Confederation of Industries (CNI) which is the main representative of the Brazilian industry and the highest body of the industry trade union system which, since its foundation in 1938, has striven to defend the interests of the national industry. Mr Nogueira brings with him many years of experience in the "sucro-energy" sector and has been a leader in the movement towards biofuels and diversification. With his vast expertise on 'all things sugar' he will undoubtedly be a valuable asset for the success of this year's seminar.

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

REGISTRATION OPEN: [CLICK HERE](#)

Individual registration fee: £1,250 [US\$ 1,650. €1,500]

Group rate (three or more individuals from the same company): £1,100 [US\$1,500. €1,400]

Tuesday, 21st November 2023

DRAFT PROGRAMME

08:00

REGISTRATION OPEN

09:05 - 09:15

OPENING REMARKS

- José Orive, Executive Director, ISO.
- Pedro Robério de Melo Nogueira, President, SINDAÇÚCAR Alagoas, Brazil.

09:15 – 10:55

MAGNO PANEL OF AUTHORITIES BRAZIL

- Arthur Lira, President of the Chamber of Deputies, Congress of Brazil.
- Julio Cesar Forte Ramos, Deputy Secretary of the Secretariat of Commerce and International Relations, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Brazil.
- José Vitor de Resende Aguiar, Congressman and President of the Mixed Parliamentary Front for Ethanol and Sugar, Brazil.
- Fernando Coelho Bezerra Filho, Congressman.
- Arnaldo Jardim, Congressman and Vice President of the Parliamentary Front of Agriculture, Brazil.

10:55 - 11:20 - COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 12:30

SESSION 2 ENERGIA VERDE – GREEN ENERGY

- Walmir Soller, VP Europe & Asia, CEO Braskem, Netherlands.
- Vijay Nirani, Managing Director, Nirani Sugars Ltd & TruAlt Bioenergy Ltd., India.
- Dr Stephan Meeder, CEO, CropEnergies AG, Germany.

- 12:30 - 12:55** ***Results of Case Studies Sugar-Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)***
- Andrea Bolaños, Director of Sustainability, Guatemala Sugar Association (ASAZGUA).

12:55 - 14:45 ***LUNCH BREAK (delegates free to make their own arrangements)***

- 14:45 - 16:00** ***SESSION 3 ACHIEVING EFFICIENCIES***
- "*Fluid water management in Eswatini*" Muzi Siyaya, Managing Director, UBOMBO Sugar Ltd. (Illovo), Eswatini.
 - "*Productivity in Thailand*", Win Panitvong, Executive Director, Nakornphet Sugar Ltd, and Member of the Thai Sugar Millers Corporation Foreign Affairs Working Group, Thailand.
 - "*Dulzura Sostenible*", Vicente Borrero Calero, General Manager, Providencia Sugar Mill, Colombia.

16:00 - 16:30 ***COFFEE BREAK***

- 16:30 - 17:15** ***SESSION 4 TRADE FLOWS***
- Luca Meierhofer, Sugar / Global Head of Physical Trading Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC), Switzerland.
 - Gerald Mason, Senior Vice President, Tate & Lyle Sugars, UK.
 - Kona Haque, Head of Research, ED & F Man, UK.

- 17:15 - 17:45** ***SESSION 5 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW***
- Simon Taurins, Head of Consumer and Retail Group EMEA UBS, London, UK.

18:00 - 20:00 ***EVENING RECEPTION***
LEVEL 39, 1 CANADA SQUARE, CANARY WHARF, LONDON, E14 5AA
(a five-minute walk from the seminar venue). Level 39 is an entirely exclusive venue, not open to the public, offering some of the best views of London from east to west.

Wednesday, 22nd November 2023

- 09:00 - 09:45** ***SESSION 6 PUBLIC AGRO POLICY IN BRAZIL; QUO VADIS?***
- Julio Cesar Forte Ramos, Deputy Secretary of the Secretariat of Commerce and International Relations, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Brazil.
 - Mario Campos, President, Bioenergia do Brazil, Brazil.
 - Dr Plinio Nastari, President, DATAGRO, Brazil.

09:45 - 10:45

SESSION 7 HOW BEST TO DIVERSIFY

- *"Bagasse, Creating Value and Impact for a Cleaner Planet"*
Ved Krishna, Founder YASH PAKKA INC, India.
- Benigno Trueba, Vice President, CAEI, Dominican Republic.
- Hans-Peter Gai, Chief Operating Officer, Südzucker, Germany.

10:45 - 11:15

COFFEE BREAK

11:15 - 12:00

SESSION 8 INPUTS, FERTILIZERS SEEDS

- Allan Pickett, Head of Analysis, Fertecon, S&P Global Commodity Insights, UK.
- Ian Munnery, General Manager, SESVANDERHAVE, UK.

12:00 - 12:45

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

- Minette Batters, President, National Farmers Union (NFU), UK.

12:45 – 15:00

LUNCH BREAK (delegates free to make their own arrangements)

15:00 - 16:15

SESSION 9 PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS: THE FACTS, THE FUTURE

- Ana Dumitrescu, Team Leader of the Sugar Sector, DG-AGRI, European Commission, Brussels.
- Elisabeth Lacoste, Director, CIBE, Brussels.
- *"Will we still need, have and use chemical PPPs in 20 years?"*
Professor Dr Andreas von Tiedemann, Department of Plant Sciences, Plant Preservation & Protection, Göttingen University, Germany.

16:15 - 16:45

CEFS, "Climate Neutrality Toolbox"

- Marie-Christine Ribera, Director-General, CEFS, Brussels.

16:50

CONCLUSIONS & WRAP-UP

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