

FINAL RESOLUTION
INTERNATIONAL OILSEED PRODUCER'S DIALOGUE (IOPD) XX
June 26 – June 27, 2017

The undersigned participants of the International Oilseed Producer's Dialogue (IOPD) from June 26 to June 27, 2017, in Sydney Australia, adopt the following declaration:

Overall

IOPD members will work together to develop and promote a sound business environment that will allow oilseed producers and their families to remain viable for current and future generations. We share an awareness of social responsibility and commit to being open and transparent with an aim to encourage and develop trust in order to build confidence in our products and the production processes that benefit customers and consumers. IOPD members recognize the need to supply the world with increasing quantities of oilseed and oilseed products in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner to nourish a growing world population. Toward that end, we support increased research and investment in agriculture to the benefit of developing and developed countries.

Sustainability and Public Trust

IOPD members are committed to sustainable farming systems and continuous advancement in agriculture. In order to produce healthy and affordable food, animal feedstuffs, and bio-based products, environmental assessments should be based on trusted and reliable science-based evidence. IOPD members will actively engage with stakeholders in the supply chain, including influencers and consumers, to ensure sustainable development addresses the shared values and needs of consumers, is science-based, market driven, and implemented through economic price signals.

Sustainable farming systems meet the needs of the present while improving the ability of future generations to meet their own requirements by:

- Increasing productivity while decreasing impacts on the environment.
- Improving access to safe food and feed and the production of fuel that improves air quality and reduces greenhouse gases.
- Improving the social and economic wellbeing of agricultural producers and the global community.

IOPD members commit to develop communication tools to promote our efforts to assure sustainable food security for the world. We agree to share these communications among IOPD members.

Innovation for Future Generations

IOPD members endorse and support full access to ever-changing innovations that can ensure the cost effective, safe, and sustainable production of all oilseeds. This includes the use of all kinds of innovation in plant breeding, crop protection products and fertilizers. The loss of active substances will inhibit our ability to meet the demands for a growing world population and will increase the development of pest resistance. Adoption of technology should be based on evidence from sound science and be available in all oilseed production areas.

IOPD members support timely, transparent, and science-based review and approval systems for all sustainable technologies, including biotechnology, of all oilseeds and oilseed products. The review of products should be risk based rather than hazard based.

IOPD members endorse the development of government policies that facilitate innovation and utilization of advanced breeding applications by plant breeders globally. Furthermore, plant varieties developed through the latest breeding methods should not be differentially regulated if they are similar or indistinguishable from varieties that could be produced through established breeding methods. To ensure continued innovation for the benefit of all, harmonized policies are essential for both research collaboration and marketing.

Renewable Energy and Bio-based Products

IOPD members appreciate the ongoing progress in the development of new areas of use for oilseeds -- including biofuels, vegetable oils, and protein products -- and support a sustainable development of environmentally friendly products. IOPD welcomes the continued development of these products and market stabilization for sustainable development.

Regarding Indirect Land Use Change (ILUC) assumptions, there is the need for much improved, robust science and international consensus before ILUC impacts are reflected in any renewable energy regulations. IOPD members recognize that where regulation requires greenhouse gas emissions for fossil and non-fossil feedstocks including wastes to be assessed, calculations must be science based and fully involve representatives of farmers and growers.

Trade

IOPD members support comprehensive trade liberalization and improved global market access. Both producers and consumers can benefit from a growing food and non-food market, resulting from increasing liberalization.

IOPD members oppose export tax and differential export tax structures because they negatively impact competitiveness and distort production, investment and trade.

The IOPD supports science-based, globally harmonized Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) that protect consumers and do not restrict trade. Disproportionate restrictions on necessary plant protection products have the potential for unintended consequences for international trade of arable crops, having an important impact on food availability and on farm business sustainability.

We strongly support the synchronous approval of new biotechnology events. To avoid trade disruptions, IOPD members encourage governments to implement CODEX approved assessments and to participate in the Global Low-Level Presence Initiative (GLI) towards the development of low level presence (LLP) policies for biotechnology events in internationally traded commodities and products, and that reasonable commercial thresholds be established. We urge that when a biotech event has an established history of safe-use, governments should extend the registration for longer periods of time or indefinitely.

Certifications

IOPD members recognize that some buyers may desire or some markets require certification of various methods of commodity production. We believe that any certification schemes should be developed by farmers or with substantial farmer involvement to ensure that such certifications are relevant and commercially feasible. We encourage buyers to accept schemes that certify substantially equivalent results so that producers are not subjected to multiple certifications.

Association Argentina de Productores en Siembra Directa (Aapresid) – Argentina
American Soybean Association (ASA) – United States
Australian Oilseeds Federation (AOF) – Australia
APS Soybean, Oilseeds and Cereals Producers of Paraguay Association (APS) - Paraguay
Brazilian Soybean Growers Assoc. (APROSOJA) - Brazil
Canadian Canola Growers Assoc. (CCGA) – Canada
Soy Canada – Canada
European Oilseed Alliance (EOA) – European Union
Federation Francaise des Producteurs d'Oleagineux et de Proteagineux (FOP) – France
International Soy Growers Alliance (ISGA)
Uruguayan Board of Oilseed Crops (MTO) - Uruguay
National Farmers Union (NFU) – United Kingdom
Paraguayan Chamber of Traders and Exporters of Cereals and Oilseeds (CAPECO) - Paraguay
Union zur Förderung von Oel- und Proteinpflanzen (UFOP) – Germany
U.S. Canola Association – United States
United Soybean Board (USB) – United States
U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) – United States