

Be part of high-level discussions in the global seed sector at the ISF Virtual Congress 2021

OUR JOURNEY TO RESILIENCE STARTS WITH SEED 

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<i>UN Food Systems Summit and the Many Roles of Seed</i>	<i>International Seed Trade and COVID-19: Key learnings for the future</i>	<i>Addressing Emerging Plant Diseases to Achieve Resilient Food Systems</i>	<i>The Future of the Seed Business - Our contribution to resilience</i>
5 July, Mon 14:00-15:00	6 July, Tue 11:00-12:30	6 July, Tue 13:00-14:00	7 July, Wed 13:00-14:30

Dear Delegate,

The ISF Virtual Congress 2021 is a unique platform for reflecting together on the role of seed in building resilient local and regional food systems and promoting sustainable agriculture: the need for thriving seed systems, efficient seed trade and supply, crop diversification, plant breeding innovation, accessibility for smallholder farmers, and a healthy interrelation between formal and informal seed systems.

Our high-level panel discussions will focus on the following:

UN FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT AND THE MANY ROLES OF SEED

5 JULY, TUE, 14:00-15:00

Key focus

1. The role of improved seed varieties and how to build the conditions to create crop diversification
2. The engagement of the seed sector through the Declaration
3. A review of the current state of farmers' access to innovation and technology and the opportunities for public-private collaboration

INTERNATIONAL SEED TRADE AND COVID-19: KEY LEARNINGS FOR THE FUTURE

6 JULY, TUE, 11:00-12:30

Key focus

1. Seed supply chain disruptions caused by COVID-19
2. Possible consequences of a disrupted seed production chain to the global seed and food supply chain
3. The key benefits of a global seed production and supply chain and positive impacts on resilient food systems; Policy considerations - what kind of responses could be given from governments to ensure the seamless seed supply chain even in times of crisis

ADDRESSING EMERGING PLANT DISEASES TO ACHIEVE RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS

6 JULY, TUE, 13:00-14:00

Key focus

1. Perspectives from seed industry, government, and research
2. Impact of emerging pests and how emerging diseases play a part on the current challenges facing the seed industry
3. Current challenges facing the seed industry due to restrictive regulation on the movement of seeds in the international arena

THE FUTURE OF THE SEED BUSINESS – OUR CONTRIBUTION TO RESILIENCE

7 JULY, WED, 13:00-14:30

Key focus

1. Vision of seed business leaders on the engagement of their company related to sustainability and resilience in a changing business environment
2. Engagement with all the stakeholders to increase the development of a sustainable value chain.
3. Exchange on the role of the seed sector in the international discussions related to climate change

In these sessions, you are not just a passive listener: you can take part in the conversation through the live Q&A in each panel.

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Seed is life!



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