Overview of Achievements and Plans for 2019

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Our Business

Increase Productivity:
• Growing More With Less

Our Responsibility

Food Security: By 2050
• Feed 9 Billion
• Increase Food Production 70% — FAO/2009

Our Path to Market

Willing Buyers, Willing Sellers
• Trade Enabling Policies
• Science Based Regulation
MAIZALL – The United Voice of Maize Farmers

Main Objectives

• Promote better understanding of the benefits of biotechnology and Plant Breeding Innovation (PBI)
• Promote harmonized regulatory policies in the Americas
• Address global trade barriers and obstacles to the introduction of new agricultural technologies such as biotech and PBI
• Address the increasing problem of lower Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) around the world
MAIZALL Activities & Achievements

• Cooperation with MAIZALL ‘home’ country government agencies
• Advocacy directed at industry stakeholders, media, government officials and politicians of importing countries:
  • Joint missions to the EU (2014 & 2015); China & South Korea (2013); FAO & WTO (2015); WTO MC (2017); WTO & FAO (October 2018); WTO (January 2019)
  • Embassies of MAIZALL countries in importing countries now cooperate
• Presentations at conferences around the world
• Timely missions. Example: WTO Ministerial Joint Statement on MRLs (Dec ‘17),
• Instrumental in enhanced cooperation and exchange of information on biotech approvals and PBI in South America
• Ability to secure high-level meetings with officials and politicians from other countries and international organizations
Recent MAIZALL Activities and Achievements

- September 2018: Argentine and Brazilian members promoted Ministerial Declaration on gene-edited crops by the Consejo Agropecuaria del Sur (CAS) – Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay
- MAIZALL President Cesario Ramalho missions to Washington DC and Argentina for high-level meetings (including Argentina Agriculture Secretary Etchevehere)
- Actively promoted International Statement on Precision Biotechnology – signed by 13 countries
- Successful mission to WTO and FAO in October 2018
  - Meetings with 7 countries and staff in Geneva, timed just before SPS Committee meeting
  - Pressure on the EU on biotech approvals, PBI and MRLs
  - Meetings with MAIZALL ‘home’ missions and high-level FAO staff
- Successful mission to WTO in January 2019
  - Meetings with Director-General Azevedo and with 5 countries
  - DG supported MAIZALL and its objectives – importance of addressing market access issues
  - Brazilian Ambassador stated the new government would be more active and vocal
MAIZALL 2019 Plan

• Continue to promote cooperation on biotech, PBI and MRLs in MAIZALL ‘home’ countries and address these market access barriers in main import markets
  - Meet new Brazilian government in Brasilia when Board meets there in March
  - Meet Argentine government when MAIZAR has assumed Presidency in July

• Focus on EU policies & influence around the world
  - Directly – MAIZALL mission to Brussels in the 2nd half of 2019
  - Indirectly – WTO (promote risk-based decision-making, isolate EU in SPS) and FAO to promote science-based agricultural innovation (joinws Private Sector Mechanism and potentially conduct MAIZALL event in Rome 2nd half of 2019)

• Secure speaking opportunities at international conferences
• MAIZAR assumes the Presidency of MAIZALL in July
• Two in-person Board meetings; two by teleconference
Working together with farmers to create Agriculture Without Barriers