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## **ISO "FOCUS ON" Autumn Series of Zoom Conferences September - November 2020**

The Executive Director wishes to inform Members of the schedule of the UPDATED ISO "FOCUS ON" Autumn Zoom Conferences planned for September - November 2020.

These events will be held virtually using the Zoom platform. For ISO events the Secretariat will circulate a reminder a week in advance asking Members to inform the Secretariat of their wish to participate. On the day of the meeting the Zoom link will be circulated (30 minutes ahead of the start time) to all those who have registered so they can log in and participate. It is expected that each conference will last approximately one hour.

The ISO hopes as many Members as possible can participate in these conferences and webinars, which the Secretariat trusts will bring added value to understanding the current situation and future challenges and opportunities for our industry.

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**ISO "FOCUS ON" AUTUMN SERIES OF ZOOM CONFERENCES  
SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2020**

**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September @ 13:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON FIJI**

Mr. Graham Clark, CEO of the Fiji Sugar Corporation, and Mr. Vishnu Moran, Vice-Chair of ISO Administrative Committee and Fiji representative, will provide an overview of the tremendous progress made by FIJI in stabilizing production, improving yields and performance overall.

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**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September @ 15:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON BRAZIL**

Mr. Evandro Gussi, President of UNICA, will address the current situation in Brazil and perspectives for the future, with emphasis on the tangible advantages of establishing a sucro-energetic policy that highlights the use of Ethanol combined with the efficient and sustainable production of sugar.

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**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September @ 15:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON MOZAMBIQUE**

Mr. Joao Jeque from APAMO will provide a comprehensive overview of the sugar sector in Mozambique and perspectives for tackling the challenges ahead. Mozambique presents tremendous potential for growth and offers favourable conditions for a sustained increase in production, improvement in best practices and achievement of efficiencies in key areas of the process.

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**Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September @ 15:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON HONDURAS**

Mr. Mateo Yibrín and Mr. Gerardo Guillén, President and CEO of the "Honduras Sugar Producers Association (APAH)", will showcase the progress achieved by their agroindustry and the actions they have undertaken to address the current crisis as well as prepare for the future challenges ahead.

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**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September @ 10:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON THE PHILIPPINES**

Mr. Hermenegildo Serafica, Director of the "Sugar Regulatory Administration" (SRA), will provide a comprehensive overview of sugar in the Philippines, including the key elements behind the rise in production and the perspectives for the near future.

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**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October @ 15:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON PARAGUAY**

Liz Cramer, Minister of Industry and Commerce, will present the magic of Paraguay's sugar sector with emphasis on their leadership in organic sugar. Paraguay has gained a reputation for excellence and an early decision to focus on Organic has placed them as the top producer and exporter in the world.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October @15:00 (UK) - FOCUS ON AFRICA**

Learn about the African Sugar Development Task Force (ASDTF), an initiative that aims to promote sustainability and socio-economic development in the continent by fostering best practices, increased intra-regional trade and transfer of technology. Executive Director, Mulhim Eltayeb, will be accompanied by members of the Steering Committee to provide a comprehensive overview.

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**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October @ 15:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON EUROPE**

Elisabeth Lacoste, Director of CIBE, will address the views of European sugar beet growers about the current agronomic, economic (market) and political situation in the EU, outlining strategies and perspectives to successfully face the challenges ahead.

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**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October @ 16:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON COLOMBIA**

Mr. Freddy Garces, Director-General of CENICAÑA, and Ms. Claudia Calero, President of ASOCAÑA, will provide a comprehensive overview of the best practices of the Colombian sugar sector, highlighting the solid commitment to genuine sustainability, their leadership in the rational management of water and the impressive yields they have consistently registered for many years. This will be a unique opportunity for a first-hand insight into one of the world's most efficient sucro-energetic producers in the world.

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**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October @ 15:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON RAIZEN (BRAZIL)**

Mr. Ricardo Mussa, CEO of Raizen, will present the impressive trajectory of this joint venture between COSAN (Brazil) and Royal Dutch Shell, highlighting how it efficiently conjugates production of sugar, fuel and ethanol by optimizing the process and delivering solid value-added.

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**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October @ 15:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON ESWATINI**

Nontobeko Mabuza - Manager Trade and External Affairs, Eswatini Sugar Association will provide an overview of the Eswatini sugar industry, highlighting the importance of the industry to the Eswatini economy and how the industry has contributed to the growth and viability of small-scale growers. Other initiatives being undertaken by the industry to ensure sustainability will also be highlighted.

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**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November @ 15:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON COSTA RICA**

Mr. Edgar Herrera, CEO of LAICA, will share the experience of his sugar sector and their leading initiatives for diversification, better performance and genuine participatory growth. Costa Rica is a leader in developing sugar-containing products and has vast expertise in taking advantage of key niche markets.

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**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November @ 15:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON NIGERIA**

In 2013 Nigeria, under the auspices of the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), began the implementation of a 10 year road map that was projected to assist the country to achieve national self-sufficiency in its sugar production. If all goes well, the country should be able to produce 1.8mmt of sugar by 2023 and stop importation.

Dr Latif Busari, Executive Secretary of the NSDC, will give a presentation highlighting the progress so far, challenges encountered and strategies for achieving the project targets of the National Sugar Master Plan (NSMP).

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**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November @ 15:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON EL SALVADOR**

Julio Arroyo, Executive Director of “Asociación Azucarera de El Salvador”, will focus on the factors of that explain the efficiency and sustainability of the Salvadorean sugar industry. Their performance and yields have consistently improved as a result of the vision implemented through real actions.

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**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November @ 16:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON MEXICO**

Román González, Commercial Policy Director of CONADESUCA, will present a summary of the current situation and perspectives of the sugarcane agro-industry in Mexico, starting with an analysis of the 2019/2020 sugar season final data and the estimates for 2020/2021, as well as a long-term vision for the sector, considering the challenges involved in seeking new alternatives for the use of sugarcane in Mexico; the trading relationship with the United States, and the probable downward trend in sugar consumption in Mexico caused by the new Law on Front Warning Labels on food products.

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**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November @ 15:00 (UK) – FOCUS ON ISO**

“Learn where you came from and you’ll know better where you’re going”. We will have the unique opportunity to get a first-hand look at how ISO has evolved from a small entity to a powerhouse that today groups the key stakeholders of the sugar sector and the largest number of member countries of any commodity organization. Dr Peter Baron, former Executive Director and the “architect” of ISO’s growth, will share with us the most relevant moments in the organization’s recent history, interesting anecdotes and keen insights of what makes an international commodity body function efficiently.

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