**International Sugar Organization**

 

**34th INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

***”Sugar – so much more than***

***a sweetener”***

###### **Tuesday 2nd - Wednesday 3rd December 2025**

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The Chairman this year is José Orive, Executive Director of the International Sugar Organization since 2014. José’s has an extensive knowledge of all things sucro-energetic and a passion for the sector and what it can bring to a changing and demanding world. The innovations in the sugar world in the last few decades have been dramatic and challenging for the many millions of people, at all levels, engaged in the industry worldwide. The International Sugar Organization has worked hard to embrace these changes, bringing them to the attention of our Members as well defending the sector from many spurious and negative attacks, especially in recent years. Jose’s vast experience means that he has been able to attract world renowned speakers from both long-established, prestigious companies, as well as giving a platform to newcomers.

This year’s seminar, the ISO’s 34th, looks set to be as successful as all the previous ones and will once again bring a registration list together of top-notch leaders in our sector from every continent and every area involved with sugar, from politicians to farmers to financiers and industry. We look forward to welcoming back many of our friends and colleagues and to seeing new faces.

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

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: Link: [Maureen to prepare]**

**Individual registration fee: £1,350 [US$ 1,775. €1,600].**

**Group rate (three or more individuals from the same company): £1,200 [US$1,575. €1,425]**

**Registration this year includes lunch and evening reception on Day One.**

**Tuesday, 2nd December 2025**

***08:00 - 09:15* REGISTRATION**

 ***09:15 - 09:20 OPENING REMARKS FROM JOSE ORIVE***

* **José Orive, Executive Director, ISO**

***09:30 - 10:45 SESSION 1: BRAZIL THE POWERHOUSE***

***KEYNOTE ADDRESS:***

* **H.E. Hugo Motta,President, Brazilian Congress**

***Comments:***

* **Dr. Plinio Nastari, President DATAGRO**
* **Mario Campos, President, BIOENERGIA**
* **Pedro Roberio Nobrega, CEO, Sindaçúcar-AL**
* **Renato Pontes Acunha, President, Sindaçúcar-PE**
* **Amaury Pekleman, CEO, União Nacional da Bioenergia**

***10:45 - 11:15 Coffee Break***

***11:15 - 12:00 SESSION 2: FOCUS ON AFRICA***

* **Gavin Dalgleish, CEO, Vision Sugar, Southern Africa\***
* **Oswald Magwenzi, CEO, ZAMBIA SUGAR, Zambia**

***12:00 - 12:30 KEYNOTE SPEAKER***

* **Dr. Rob Johansson, Director, Economics & Policy Analysis, American Sugar Alliance, USA**

***12:30 - 13:00 PRESENTATION OF THE ISO SUGAR EXCELLENCE AWARD***

***13:00 - 15:00 LUNCH - Hoare Memorial Hall and Bishop Partridge Hall, Church House***

***15:00 - 16:30 SESSION 3: FOREIGN INVESTMENT***

* **Laurent Fabry, TEREOS, France\***
* **Bharat Adlakha, Director, UTTAM SUCROTECH, India**
* **NORDZUCKER, Speaker TBD\***

***16:30 - 18:00 SESSION 4: BEYOND SUGAR***

* **Dr. Stephan Meeder, Board Member SÜDZUCKER, Germany**
* **Josien Hermans, CCO COSUN, The Innovation Center and its magic**
* **Nereo Rodriguez, Sales Manager Biopolymer Tech, SULZER, Switzerland**

***18:00 - 20:00 EVENING RECEPTION - Hoare Memorial Hall, Church House***

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**Wednesday, 3rd December 2025**

***09:00 - 10:00 SESSION 5: WORKING TOGETHER***

* **Rangsit Hiangrat, ASEAN\***
* **Alfredo Vila, President, UNALA**
* **SADC Producers Consultative Forum (Speaker TBD)**

***10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break***

***10:30 -11:30 SESSION 6: DECARBONIZATION***

* **Vijay Nirani, TruAlt Bioenergy, INDIA\***
* **David Carpintero, Director General, ePURE, EU**
* **David Brandes, CEO, Planetary, Switzerland\***

***11:30 - 12:30 SESSION 7: THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX***

* **Mariana Granelli, Usina Granelli, Brazil**
* **Lars Knutstad, GENOMATICA, USA\***
* **Alan Chandler, Reader in Architecture, Research Impact Leader & Co-Creator of Sugarcrete, University of East London**

***12:30 - 13:00 KEYNOTE SPEAKER:***

* **Dr. Alex Guerra, Director, Institute for the Study of Climate Change (ICC), Guatemala**

***13:00 - 15:00 LUNCH – Delegates own arrangements***

***15:00 - 16:30 SESSION 8: FROM THE GROWING SIDE***

* **Almir Torcato, Gestor Executivo, CANAOESTE, Brazil**
* **Christopher (Kit) Papworth, Sugar Board Chair, NFU, UK**
* **United Beet Seeds, Speaker TBD**

***16:30 - 17:15 KEYNOTE CLOSING ADDRESS***

 ***ENERGY, BIOFUELS & SUSTAINABILITY***

* **Dolors Montserrat, Member, European Parliament\***

***16:30 END: Conclusions & wrap-up***

**\*Invited**

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

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