

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 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 as defending the sector from many spurious and negative attacks, especially in recent years. José'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.

CLICK HERE: [REGISTRATION NOW OPEN](#)

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.

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

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

- José Orive, Executive Director, ISO

09:30 - 10:15 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

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

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

10:45 – 11:45 **SESSION 1: FOCUS ON AFRICA**

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

11:45-12:30

SESSION 2: BRAZIL THE POWERHOUSE: A CONVERSATION

- Dr. Plinio Nastari, President DATAGRO
- Mario Campos, President, BIOENERGIA
- Amaury Pekelman, President of Biosul (Association of Bioenergy Producers of Mato Grosso do Sul)
- Edmundo Barbosa, Sindalcool, Paraiba

- 12:30 - 13:00** ***PRESENTATION OF THE PLINIO NASTARI ISO SUGAR EXCELLENCE AWARD***
- 13:00 - 15:00** ***LUNCH - Hoare Memorial Hall and Bishop Partridge Hall, Church House***
- 15:00 – 16:00** ***SESSION 3: FOREIGN INVESTMENT***
- Bharat Adlakha, Director, UTTAM SUCROTECH, India
 - Lars Gorissen, CEO, Nordzucker, Germany
- 16:00 - 17:30** ***SESSION 4: BEYOND SUGAR***
- Dr. Stephan Meeder, Board Member SÜDZUCKER, Germany
 - David Brandes, CEO, Planetary, Switzerland
 - Nereo Rodriguez, Sales Manager Biopolymer Tech, SULZER, Switzerland
- 17:30-18:00** ***SESSION 5: EFFICIENCY & PRODUCTIVITY***
- Tania Guapacha, Gerente General, Ingenio Pichichi, Colombia
- 18:00 - 20:00** ***EVENING RECEPTION - Hoare Memorial Hall, Church House***
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- 09:00 - 10:00** ***SESSION 6: WORKING TOGETHER***
- Rangsit Hiangrat, ASEAN Sugar Alliance
 - Alfredo Vila, President, UNALA
 - Nontobeko Mabuza, SADC Sugar Producers Consultative Forum
- 10:00 - 10:30** ***Coffee Break***
- 10:30 -11:30** ***SESSION 7: DECARBONIZATION***
- Nonn Panitvong, TSMC, Thailand
 - David Carpintero, Director General, ePURE, EU
 - Eduardo Leão de Sousa, President and CEO, CROPLIFE Brazil
- 11:30 - 12:30** ***SESSION 8: THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX***
- Diego Herrera, CEO, Pantaleon, Guatemala
 - Niraj Shirgaokar, Managing Director, Ugar Sugar Works Limited, India
 - 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 - 16:00** ***SESSION 9: FROM THE GROWING SIDE***
- Almir Torcato, Gestor Executivo, CANAOESTE, Brazil
 - Christopher (Kit) Papworth, Sugar Board Chair, NFU, UK
 - Ian Munnery, United Beet Seeds, UK

16:00 - 17:30

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL PANEL

- **Hon Minister Arvin Boolell, Minister of Agro-Industry, Mauritius**
- **The Rt. Hon. Baroness Gloria Hooper, Member of the House of Lords of the United Kingdom**
- **Dolors Montserrat, Member, European Parliament***

17:30

END: Conclusions & wrap-up

***Invited**

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