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## **ICAC to Hold 83rd Plenary Meeting on March 23-24 Prior to International Cotton Conference Bremen**

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**Washington, DC** — The International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) is pleased to announce that its 83rd Plenary Meeting will be held on March 23-24, 2026, at the Parliament House in Bremen, Germany. This venue, located on the city's iconic market square just steps from the Bremen Cotton Exchange, will host ICAC's conference immediately prior to the 38th International Cotton Conference Bremen (to be held March 25-27, 2026). To view the agenda and register for the Plenary, please click [here](#).

The ICAC Plenary — which has the theme, "Uniting the Cotton and Textiles Value Chain for a Sustainable Future" — will highlight the organization's commitment to serving its member governments and advancing sustainability, innovation, and economic prosperity across the full cotton textile value chain — from seed to retail — and promoting cotton as a global public good. Sessions will include discussions on global market trends, policy development, textile infrastructure and investment, technologies for automated detection of pests and diseases, and much more.

"Hosting our 83rd Plenary Meeting at Bremen's Parliament House marks a first-ever, historic collaboration between ICAC and the Bremen Cotton Exchange," said Eric Trachtenberg, Executive Director of ICAC. "For decades, our organizations have worked together to benefit the global cotton and textile industry, and this joint week of programming promises to be a can't-miss event for professionals from every segment of the value chain. We are thrilled to connect high-level government delegates with the technical and commercial expertise that Bremen's conference delivers so successfully."

Fritz Grobien, President of the Bremen Cotton Exchange, said, "We are very pleased to welcome the ICAC to Bremen as a government-level organization. The ICAC, the Bremen Cotton Exchange, and the Fibre Institute Bremen are three institutions in the global cotton industry that represent the topic of cotton in different ways and at the highest level. Therefore, I am even more delighted to have the ICAC Plenary as a valuable contributor at the beginning of our own conference."

The International Cotton Conference Bremen is renowned for addressing issues such as cotton cultivation, quality assessment, textile processing, innovative cotton-based products, and the interconnected textile value chain.

The ICAC and the Bremen Cotton Exchange look forward to welcoming delegates from government, industry, and research communities to Bremen in March 2026 for this landmark week of engagement, making it an unparalleled opportunity to shape the future of the global cotton and textile industry.

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