



Innovations, Technologies, and Organization in Latin American Cotton

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Washington, DC — Latin America is emerging as both a historic foundation and a future driver of the global cotton sector — as outlined in the March 2026 issue of The ICAC Recorder, a free publication that presents Special Issue (Part II) of the 15th ALIDA Meeting, highlighting innovations, technologies, and regional collaboration shaping cotton across the region.

In his editorial, ICAC Chief Scientist Dr. Keshav Kranthi underscores Latin America's unique role as the origin of the two species that account for nearly all global cotton production, emphasizing the region's potential to combine heritage, sustainability, and innovation.

This issue features peer-reviewed articles from Session 4 of the ALIDA Meeting, covering key developments across the cotton value chain, including:

- Advances in traceability, fiber quality, and certification systems
- The impact of the FAO-supported +Cotton Project on capacity building and public policy
- Technological innovations in crop management, harvesting, and post-harvest systems
- The rise of Agriculture 4.0 tools such as drones, sensors, and digital platforms
- Country reports from major cotton-producing nations across Latin America

The issue also highlights the growing importance of traceability and sustainability in global markets, as new regulations and consumer expectations reshape competitiveness. At the same time, it emphasizes that innovation must remain grounded in local realities, particularly for smallholder systems.

Together, these contributions position Latin America as a key player in building a more sustainable, competitive, and inclusive global cotton sector.

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