

## **Katy Lee, Secretariat, International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC)**

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Katy has twelve years of experience defending the interests of agricultural businesses in international policy advocacy environments at the World Trade Organization, European Union and the United Nations.

2019 is her fourth year providing the Secretariat of the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) - an international not-for-profit coalition covering 8000 businesses, 25 associations and 85 countries including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Kenya, USA, Canada, China, Mexico, Brazil, Europe, South Africa and many more.

Katy's duties at the IGTC include leadership and administration of 5 Policy Teams and 1 Working Group on the most urgent challenges faced by the grain trade: Plant breeding innovation, Low Level Presence (LLP) of safety-approved GMOs, Cartagena Biosafety Protocol, Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) of crop protection products, phytosanitary control measures and electronic trading documentation.

Since 2016 she has secured unprecedented success in recruitment of new IGTC members following extensive global travel: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Eastern Africa, Europe, India, Malaysia, Mexico, South Africa, USA. Katy's IGTC duties also include leadership of engagement between IGTC membership and key global institutions including the World Trade Organization (WTO), International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), International Grains Council (IGC), World Bank, Interamerican Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA).

Previous to IGTC, she was the first representative of the agri-business community to be permanently based at the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome as Stakeholder Relations Director of the International Agri-Food Network (IAFN). During this time she also helped forge pathways for negotiations with the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Geneva. At the UN's Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) in 2014 she coordinated the delegation of global food and agriculture bodies including the International Dairy Federation, CropLife International, farmers' organisations and multinational companies including Mars Incorporated and McDonalds.

Before this, she lived for six years in Brussels working with the UK National Farmers' Unions at their European Union office. As Assistant Director, she worked on a breadth of legislative proposals including sustainability; animal welfare; GMOs & trade; and was the focal point for relations with the European Parliament for five years.

Katy is a Nuffield Farming Scholar, a project which enabled her to travel to Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and the USA to interview farmers and policy makers about new and emerging technologies, including crops derived from genetic engineering.

Katy regularly commits to gaining work experience 'on the ground' to support her work in policy environments. Over the past twelve years she has consistently volunteered with both small businesses and farm holdings.

As well as her mother tongue, English, she speaks French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and beginners' Danish.

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