



HISTORY OF THE ITGA

Prior to 1984, tobacco growers worldwide had no unified voice. This changed on November 26th of that year when farmers from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Malawi, the U.S.A. and Zimbabwe agreed to form an organisation to promote and develop their common interests throughout the world. From that agreement emerged the International Tobacco Growers' Association (ITGA).



New Board 2025

Argentina



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Graham Boyd USA



Mercedes Vázquez Portugal

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OBJECTIVES

Develop contact between tobacco growers around the world;

Combat anti-tobacco growing campaigns internationally and nationally;

Ensure that the legitimate interests of tobacco growers are adequately considered by national and international policy-makers;

Enhance information exchange on technical and market factors;

Publicise the socio-economic importance of tobacco in terms of employment, agricultural development and national economic benefits;

Present our arguments rationally and objectively as to safeguard the ITGA's position as a credible, visible, effective force in the public debate.

ITGA members must be interacting with state or non-state organizations, UN Agencies inclusive; as we together look at supporting livelihoods of the tobacco dependent masses. (...) Let institutions support each other as we endeavor to sustain or improve livelihoods of tobacco farmers"

(Abiel M. Kalima Banda - ITGA Former President, Malawi)

a collective voice, national grower organisations from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, found the ITGA in 1984.

The founder members have been joined organisations. by 18 other countries in the Association's worldwide membership.

The ITGA is financed by dues paid by member organisations and determined by the Board after approval of the operative budget.

There are three levels of membership which are chosen by members on joining the ITGA according to their own requirements and budgetary restraints.

The ITGA is run by a Board of Directors, comprising those members whose categories security of tobacco markets. of membership entitle them to be Directors of the Association. It is administered by a For non growers associations type of mem-Secretariat based in Portugal, whose Chief Executive reports to the Chairman of the Board.

Recognising the need to give their arguments The ITGA facilitates open exchange on technical matters but does not provide direct commercial advice or assistance. ITGA's Malawi, USA and Zimbabwe proceeded to charter specifically excludes its participation in any activities relating to the management or commercial policies of any of its member

> The ITGA is an organisation for the largest and smallest grower organisations. All tobacco growers are faced with similar threats, regardless of the size of their production. The ITGA's strength is in providing a collective voice for growers. Its influence is directly related to the number of members it can represent.

> The ITGA's long-term aim is to represent the world's 100-plus grower nations to provide a strong collective voice on an international and national scale to ensure the long-term

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE...

- **1.** Direct contact with growers worldwide throug annual and continental meetings;
- Access to information and assistance from fellow members:
- **3.** Access to ITGA research, information and ideas including knowledge of supply/ demand for the crop
- 4. Support in communicating the socio-economic benefits of the crop, thus ensuring that influencers and policy makers at national and international levels consider growers' interest;
- **5.** Provision of the knowledge, tools and services to contribute authoritatively to the various discussions and debates relating to tobacco issues;
- 5. Satisfaction gained from contributing in an informed and balanced manner to discussions and debates on obacco-growing issues, e.g. anti-tobacco campaigns hat aim at stifling tobacco production;
- Access to the ITGA internet site, www.tobaccoleaf org which presents the growers' case to the world constantly.



"As an organisation of tobacco growers, our main challenge is to remain united in everything related with the sector because only together, growers and partners, can we find the solutions to the problems we are facing right now, namely social and environmental issues that need to become a real priority in our agendas."

(Mercedes Vázquez - ITGA Chief Executive, Portugal)

MEMBER ____CATEGORIES AND BENEFITS

Growers Associations Information

Membership is available to recognised tobacco growers' organizations or those charged with the responsibility for such growers. Apart from the Founder Members' category, there are two categories of membership, selected by each growers' organisation according to the level of association required.



Growers Members

US\$6,500

Per Year

Have the Right to Board Membership

Right to Attend and Vote at Meetings of the Association

Have the right to attend Public Meetings of the Association (2 delegates*)

Have the right to attend Closed Meetings of the Association (2 delegates*)

Right to report on local activities in the Tobacco Courier

Receive ITGA Publications
(Tobacco Courier and Tobacco Monitor)

Access to Members-Only section
(Historic Information from all Association Meetings)

Contact us

extra delegates are subject to a fee



Full Associate Members

US\$ 2,000

Per Vear

Have the right to attend Public Meetings of the Association as Observers (1 delegate*)

Have the right to attend Closed Meetings of the Associations as Observers (1 delegate*)

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NOTE: Please contact us at itga@tobaccoleaf.org with your Membership option.

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Dues are subject to
review by the Board
which operates o

Subscription Members Information

Special membership is also available to other tobacco sector stakeholders. The two categories provide the right to access Public Sessions of the Association across the world, to advertise in ITGA leading publications, and to access a members only section (subject to restrictions) containing historic information and data on our website



Subscription Members

US\$ 1,000

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Right to publicise for free in 1 Tobacco Courier (half of the yearly editions)

Right to publicise for free in 6 Tobacco Monitors (half of the yearly editions)

Receive ITGA Publications
(Tobacco Courier and Tobacco Monitor)

Access to Members-Only section (Restrictions Apply)

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Subscription Plus Members

US\$ 2,000

Per Year

Have the right to attend Public Meetings of the Association as Observers (1 delegate)*

Right to publicise for free in all Tobacco Couriers

Right to publicise for free in all Tobacco Monitors

Receive ITGA Publications
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ASSOCIATION

our strength **AZERBAIJAN** BRAZIL

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC KOREA GREECE **INDONESIA**

MALAWI NORTH MACEDONIA **PHILIPPINES** TANZANIA THAILAND

VIETNAM

ZIMBABWE

You can apply for membership by filling out the online application Alternatively, you can also contact us at our head-office, indicating the category of membership for which application is "

"The ITGA has a responsibility to assist in ensuring that farmers have a sustainable future in the farming business, even if it means growing less tobacco and more complementary crops where the demand for tobacco is declining."

(François Van der Merwe - ITGA Former President, South Africa)



"Tobacco is a difficult but rewarding crop providing a dignified life for tens of millions of families in some of the poorest countries in the world or in poor regions of more developed countries. It employs millions of seasonal workers in agriculture, being one of the most important factors in the sustainable development of these countries and regions."

WHAT WEDO

ITGA works side by side with growers' associations around the globe

We are committed to provide our farmers tools and platforms to echo their voices and strengthen their capacity to face the numerous challenges in the sector



Tobacco Courier

Bi-annual magazine gathering our worldwide membership reports about the crop evolution in the different regions. Our net of connections with experts on agricultural issues, completes these reports.



Tobacco Monitor

A monthly report that covers Crop Updates Regulatory Changes, Tobacco Industry Developments and Sustainability Initiatives.



Website

Info Hub

Launched in November 2019 and thanks to our database of more than 20 years of collecting information, our website is the ultimate tobacco info-hub where members have exclusive access to information.

Check info on: www.tobaccoleaf.org



Event Center

Online meeting hub

An online platform to enable information sharing and conduction of ITGA events, including the Annual General Meeting and World Tobacco Growers' Day, in times of the global pandemic.

Check info on: www.itgaevents.com



Tobacco Compass

Tobacco Growing in Figures

Tobacco Growing Country Profiles at a glance. Mirroring the importance of tobacco for their regions and economies.

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ABOUT PUBLICATION

Mass Disclosure

We will use our dissemination tools for each edition, your brand will be reaching, along with the magazine, more than 23 countries through the Internet- apart from the readers who will access the online version of the magazine and download the PDF.

Magazine specification

Tobacco Courier- Frequency: bi-annual / Format: 30x21 cm / Colors: 4X4 / Number of pages: average 60 pages depending on the edition.

Tobacco Monitor- Frequency: monthly / format: 33,8x19 cm / colors: (RGB) / Number of pages: average 12 pages depending on the edition.

For Tobacco Courier, your ad is valid for only one edition. For Tobacco Monitor, your ad is valid for three editions. In both cases you can renew it. The advertisement will be published in the online edition — you will be receiving the online version of the magazine in PDF, which will be available through the website www.issuu.com/itgaorg

After choosing your ad format, contact us to set the price and to send us your file, which must be in the format: JPG, JPEG, PDF, or WORD with at least 300 dpi resolution and within the proportions the chosen format. If you have any doubts in creating / assembling / developing your own ad, don't hesitate to contact us.

E-mail: itga@tobaccoleaf.org





ITGA information sharing role and understanding of grower issues worldwide is very important to us "

(Grower Member)

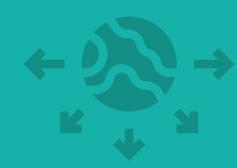
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ITGA is my direct link to growers across the world, linking us all under one umbrella. It is a critical role. "

(Grower Member)

MORE ACTIVITIES

Our main asset is the direct contact with our Worldwide net of Associations. In order to have a first hand insight of their challenges ITGA organizes meetings at Regional Level and one Annual Meeting to better assess those challenges. Our strategy is based on the knowledge we collect from this direct contact in the different markets. ITGA also embraces other opportunities of engagement to widen our scope.

ORGANIZATION OF:







WORKSHOPS



MEETINGS

www.tobaccoleaf.org



