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Nathalie Dubé appointed Chairperson of the International Grains Council for 2019/20

Following on from Canada’s Chairmanship of the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS), the International Grains Council has appointed Ms. Nathalie Dubé, Minister-Counsellor, High Commission of Canada as its Chair for 2019/20.

During its tenure Canada is particularly interested in working with the Secretariat and the IGC membership to further develop information on the global pulse market. Pulses are a staple crop in many countries and international trade in pulses continues to increase, yet there is limited market information currently available on these commodities. The Secretariat estimates that in 2018/19, world trade of pulses was forecast at 16 million tons. The Secretariat’s 2019/20 work programme includes publishing more regular market information on pulses and establishing a supply and demand balance sheet for the main exporting countries.

Canada is also interested in how approaches to regulating products of plant breeding innovation will impact the global grains and oilseeds trade. Together with the IGC Secretariat, Canada will organize a seminar on this topic in conjunction with the 50th IGC Council Session in December 2019.

On her appointment, Ms. Dubé said, “I would like to thank the Council for supporting my candidacy as Chair of the IGC for 2019/20. In the current global trade climate, Canada strongly supports the IGC’s work, particularly as it relates to furthering work on pulse market information. I look forward to promoting the organisation’s role to foster cooperation in international trade to secure the freest possible trade in grains and oilseeds”.

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