

National Forum on Seed

Where To From Here?

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Seed Sector Review

- **Formed as a seed value chain communication forum**
- **Industry Advisory committee met three times in 2003**
- **Report of the Seed Sector Advisory Committee issued to CFIA in May 2004**

Outcome of Seed Sector Review

- **Creation of a Permanent Consultative Process to:**
 - provide important policy advice to government.
 - provide an efficient interface to government with the Seed Sector.
 - facilitate an industry consensus view on policy proposals.
 - provide cross-cutting support to the agendas of the three crop value chain roundtables.

→ **Creation of the *National Forum on Seed***

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- **5 Forum Meetings between April 2005 and July 2006, 2 meetings 2006-2007**
- **Variety Registration Working Group**
 - **4 meetings 2005-06, 1 2007**
- **Innovation (PNT, AP) Working Group**
 - **3 meetings 2005**
 - **1 meeting 2008**
- **Technical Working Group on Seed Management**

Outputs to Date

- **Reports**
 - **Variety Registration**
 - **CSCGs**
 - **PNTS**
 - **AP**

Outcomes to Date

- **We have broadened communication across the seed value chain. We are a forum to share concerns and ideas, enhance understanding, and where possible develop consensus**
- **We are not an advocacy group**
- **We have channeled views and recommendations (when possible) to the Regulators**

Outcomes to Date

- **The Working Group model has been good. We have developed good ideas through this model**
 - **The Variety Registration proposal would not be where it is without our efforts**
 - **There is a broadened understanding between regulators and industry on matters affecting innovation**

Where to from here?

- **Maintain the organization?**
- **Expectations?**
- **Recognition by CFIA, AAFC, other Ministries as a formal consultative body?**
- **Consensus as a goal?**
- **Membership?**
- **Momentum?**
- **Operational funding?**