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Welcome New Members!

The Global Stewardship Group is pleased to welcome two new ETS members.

[Bill & Melinda Gates Agricultural Innovations](#), works to accelerate the most promising agricultural innovations being made available to those who need them most: smallholder farmers in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. They were created to act as an agricultural innovation accelerator, connecting what they see as a fragmented research and development pipeline to deliver improved crop varieties.

The [African Agricultural Technology Foundation](#) provides farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa with practical technology solutions capable of addressing their farm productivity constraints and improving their livelihoods. They are joining as a regular member following several years of collaboration as an associate member.

Founded in 2003 to address Africa's food security prospects through agricultural technology, AATF believes that the agricultural sector is a key foundational pillar

as Africa consolidates its economic growth and carves out its new position as a major global economic powerhouse and the next growth market in the world.

We look forward to working with our new members as they begin the audit process.



The Expert Chronicles



What is stewardship and how can it be best explained to someone who knows nothing about it? Global Stewardship Group CEO Chris Holdgreve draws on his own personal and professional experiences. His conclusion might even help experts understand it better.

[Read the Expert Chronicles](#)

We are looking for more volunteers to contribute **written articles** or **recorded presentations** to our GSG Newsletter on a range of topics related to plant biotechnology.

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your expertise to a wider audience, and provide the type of insight that will advance the common interests of the industry.

We look forward to hearing from you!

[Contribute to the Expert Chronicles](#)

Register for Continuing Education Program in Product Stewardship

On October 6th & 7th, Facultad De Ciencias Agrarias UNLZ will hold an in-person continuing education program on Product Stewardship in the Seed Industry in Pergamino, Argentina. It will cover the entire product lifecycle and feature experienced guest instructors and field and process plant visits. Click below to register and to access more information.

[Register](#)

[Ask Questions](#)

[Informational Flyer](#)



Spotlight on ETS Member Resources

In this section, we highlight resources available to members on the ETS website. The Global Audit Process guide gives detailed information on the ETS Program structure, the process summary, and more. To get the most out of ETS, it is important for members to thoroughly understand all aspects of the program. Click below to access this section of the ETS website.

[Global Audit Process](#)

More Auditors Needed in Africa & Asia

As ETS continues to expand, there is a need for additional auditors to help us achieve our global mission, particularly in Africa and Asia. If you know of someone who might be qualified, please contact us.

[Send Information on Potential New ETS Auditors](#)



Have you submitted your audit plan?

Remember, at the beginning of every Audit Cycle, you must submit an “**Audit Plan**”.

This Audit Plan is a draft road map of your planned audits. It is a working document and can be updated at any time by contacting the Global Stewardship Group staff.

To submit your Audit Plan, click the **Send My Audit Plan button.

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