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Jas Bedi, President, ITMF, Kenya
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The Hon. Peter Munya, MGH, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Industry, Kenya
Betty Maina, CBS, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Kenya

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Christian Barthel, Cotton made in Africa, Germany

Keeping Cotton Competitive: Industry Actions
Terry Townsend, Cottons Analytics, USA

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**Manuel Moses**, Country Manager East Africa, International Finance Corporation

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Walter Simeoni, Cottonhand Ltd., South Africa

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Paulo Vaz, ATP, Portugal

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