



## **Agri-Tech Organisation**

### **Organisation**

The Agri-Tech Organisation for the UK Department for International Trade is the centre of excellence and first port of call for overseas companies looking for investment opportunities in the UK and for UK-based companies seeking to expand their international business. The organisation champions the role of Agri-Tech in strengthening agri-business success in both UK exports and investment, and helping drive sustainable intensification of agriculture to provide global access to sufficient, safe, healthy food. The unique hybrid team of private sector specialists and civil servants, has experience and knowledge in business, academia and government across the UK and global agri-tech sector. Key areas of focus are plant sciences, animal health, aquaculture and precision agriculture, but other value opportunities are supported on request.

Free and confidential advice is provided as tailored support to large businesses, SMEs and institutions looking to develop and commercialise new technologies in the UK, for export in the EU and overseas, through a unique joined-up approach to business support and commercial R&D linking science with practice. The Agri-Tech Organisation leverages Government support to address barriers to trade and accelerate routes to market, for UK companies looking to export new products in new markets. Also, as part of UK Trade & Investment, the Agri-Tech Organisation draws on the expertise of UKTI's global network of in-country experts in over 100 markets.

### **Objective**

Working with commercial officers in countries visited during the mission, provide support to UK Agri-Tech companies looking to access new markets in Latin America. Also, to raise the profile of the UK Agri-Tech Innovation opportunity for new technologies to support solutions to the challenges facing agriculture in Paraguay, Argentina and Uruguay, in increasing productivity to meet the increasing demand for food with a growing population.

**Delegate – Dr Elizabeth Warham, Head, DIT Agri-Tech Organisation**

Elizabeth has expertise and experience in plant sciences, and technology development more broadly across the agri-food sector. Previously as Head of the food, water and environment issues team in the Government Office for Science, she provided support to the Government Chief Scientific Adviser. She also led the GO-Science Review of how the Department of Health manages and uses science to inform the development of policies. Elizabeth previously worked for the former Department of Trade and Industry Technology Programme on programme delivery working closely with technological sectors and their user industries. In the UK Department for International Development she managed research programmes to develop appropriate technologies for different agricultural production systems in low and middle-income countries (Africa, Asia, Latin America and Caribbean). She worked for 10 years at the International Centre for Wheat and Maize Improvement in Mexico, in maize breeding, wheat pathology and seed health programmes.