



COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Item 2 of the Provisional Agenda

INTERGOVERNMENTAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Tenth Session

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

1. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair(s) and Rapporteur

In accordance with its Statutes, “the Working Group shall elect its Chairperson and one or more Vice Chairpersons from among the representatives of Members of the Working Group at the beginning of each session. These officers shall remain in office until the next session of the Working Group and shall be eligible for re-election”.¹ The Working Group may also wish to appoint a *Rapporteur*.

2. Adoption of the agenda and timetable

The provisional agenda is contained in document CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/1. A provisional timetable is provided in Annex 1 to the present document which provides annotations to the provisional agenda.

3. Status of implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources

The Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission), at its Sixteenth Regular Session called upon countries to continue to implement the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources (Global Plan of Action), in order to contribute to global food security and sustainable rural development and requested FAO to continue to support countries in these efforts.² The Working Group is therefore invited to review progress in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action achieved since the Sixteenth Regular Session.

3.1 Review of implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources

The document, *Review of implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/2)*, provides an overview of FAO activities since the Commission’s last Session, including, progress in preparation of technical guidelines, capacity development and training, technical support to countries on the status of the Funding Strategy

¹ CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/Inf.1.

² CGRFA-16/17/Report, paragraph 45.

for the Implementation of the Global Plan of Action. The Working Group is invited to take note of the review of its work and to guide the Commission on future work in this area.

The activities are grouped according to their relevance to the four Strategic Priority Areas of the Global Plan of Action; the document also includes an overview of collaboration. More detailed information is given in the document, *Detailed FAO progress report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/Inf.2)*.

The Commission, at its Twelfth Regular Session, requested its Working Group to review the status of animal genetic resources for food and agriculture.³ Based on updates of national breed data and information in the Domestic Animal Diversity Information System (DAD-IS), the document, *Status and trends of animal genetic resources – 2018 (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/Inf.3)* provides the requested information.

Strategic Priority 6 of the Global Plan of Action calls for countries to “support indigenous and local production systems and associated knowledge systems of importance to the maintenance and sustainable use of animal genetic resources” and includes an action on market development and value addition of primary products. To assist countries in providing this support, FAO has prepared the document *Draft guidelines on developing sustainable value chains for small-scale livestock producers (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/Inf.4)* for review by the Working Group.

The Commission, at its Sixteenth Regular Session, requested FAO to review methods for identification and valuation of the ecosystem services provided by livestock breeds for consideration by the Working Group at its next session. In accordance to this request, document *Review of methods for identification and valuation of the ecosystem services provided by livestock breeds (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/Inf.5)* has been prepared for the Working Group.

3.2 Status of the development of the Domestic Animal Diversity Information System

The Commission, at its Sixteenth Regular Session, stressed the importance of DAD-IS as the international clearing-house mechanism for animal genetic resources and welcomed the development of its updated version and requested FAO to develop options for improving the linkages between DAD-IS and other databases, and to include in future versions of DAD-IS data from genebank databases.⁴ Since the Sixteenth Regular Session, FAO has launched the new version of DAD-IS and has begun to undertake measures to improve linkages with other databases and to work with countries to decrease the proportion of breeds with unknown risk status. These activities are summarized in the document *Report on the status of the development of the Domestic Animal Diversity Information System (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/3)*.

A detailed description of the activities undertaken by FAO to further develop DAD-IS and improve its functionality and informativeness is contained in the document *Detailed analysis of the Domestic Animal Diversity Information System with focus on population data (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/Inf.6)*.

At its Sixteenth Regular Session the Commission requested FAO to consider including domesticated honeybees, and potentially other pollinators, in DAD-IS. As a first step in this process, FAO carried out a global survey to better understand the motivations of countries to monitor the status of pollinator populations and the amounts and types of data that may be available for DAD-IS. The results are presented in the document *Global Survey of honeybees and other pollinators (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/Inf.7)*.

³ CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraphs 39, 46.

⁴ CGRFA-16/17/Report, paragraph 46.

4. Access and benefit-sharing for genetic resources for food and agriculture

In 2015, the Commission welcomed the *Elements to Facilitate Domestic Implementation of Access and Benefit-sharing for Different Subsectors of Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (ABS Elements).⁵ The FAO Conference, at its Thirty-Ninth Session in June 2015, welcomed the ABS Elements and invited Members to consider and, as appropriate, make use of them.

The ABS Elements aim to assist governments considering developing, adapting or implementing access and benefit-sharing (ABS) measures to take into account the importance of genetic resources for food and agriculture (GRFA), their special role for food security and the distinctive features of the different subsectors of GRFA, while complying, as applicable, with international ABS instruments, such as the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Treaty) and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (Nagoya Protocol) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

At its last session, the Commission “agreed to produce non-prescriptive explanatory notes describing, within the context of the ABS Elements, the distinctive features and specific practices of different subsectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture (GRFA), to complement the ABS Elements.”⁶ The Commission invited Members, observers and other stakeholders to provide relevant inputs for such explanatory notes, including on their practical experiences in implementing national ABS measures related to GRFA. It also requested the Secretariat to convene, in collaboration with the Secretariats of the Treaty and the CBD, an international workshop on ABS for GRFA to provide outputs for elaboration into the explanatory notes.

The document *Draft explanatory notes describing, within the context of the ABS Elements, the distinctive features of animal genetic resources for food and agriculture (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/4)* briefly introduces the ABS Elements, elaborates on the relevance of distinctive features of GRFA to animal genetic resources and identifies areas where explanatory notes could help governments in taking into account, in the development, adaptation or implementation of ABS measures, the importance of animal genetic resources, their special role for food security and their distinctive features.

Inputs to the explanatory notes are contained the document *Inputs by Members and Observers on Access and Benefit-Sharing for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/Inf.8)*. *Outputs of the International Workshop on Access and Benefit-sharing for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* are presented in the document **CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/Inf.9**. In addition, a preliminary version of the proceedings of the International Workshop has been made available to the Working Group (**CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/Inf.10**).

Preliminary findings of a survey on access and benefit-sharing for GRFA among the Commission’s National Focal Points are contained in the document *National Focal Point Survey on access and benefit-sharing for animal genetic resources (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/Inf.11)*.

5. “Digital sequence information” on genetic resources for food and agriculture

The Commission, at its last session, established a new work stream on “digital sequence information.” It requested the Secretariat to prepare, subject to the availability of the necessary resources, an exploratory fact-finding scoping study on “digital sequence information” on GRFA to provide information on, *inter alia*, terminology used in this area, actors involved with “digital sequence information” on GRFA, the types and extent of uses of “digital sequence information” on GRFA, such as:

1. characterization,
2. breeding and genetic improvement,
3. conservation, and
4. identification of GRFA.

⁵ CGRFA-15/15/Report, paragraph 22(ii).

⁶ CGRFA-16/17/Report, paragraph 25 (iii).

as well as on relevance of “digital sequence information” on GRFA for food security and nutrition, in order to facilitate consideration by the Commission, at its next session, of the implications of the use of “digital sequence information” on GRFA for the conservation and sustainable use of GRFA, including exchange, access and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from their use.⁷

In response to the Commission’s request, the document *Review of the draft exploratory fact-finding scoping study on "digital sequence information" on genetic resources for food and agriculture (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/5)* invites the Working Group to review and provide inputs to the *Draft exploratory fact-finding scoping study on “digital sequence information” on genetic resources for food and agriculture (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/Inf.12)*.

6. Draft work plan for future work on sustainable use and conservation of micro-organism and invertebrate genetic resources for food and agriculture

The Commission, at its last session, requested FAO to prepare a draft work plan for future work on the sustainable use and conservation of micro-organisms and invertebrates, taking into account the views of Members and observers, the findings of the report on *The State of the World’s Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture* and any other relevant information, for review by the Working Groups and the Commission at their next sessions.⁸

The document *Draft work plan for the sustainable use and conservation of micro-organism and invertebrate genetic resources for food and agriculture (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/6)* recapitulates the Commission’s activities in the area of micro-organisms and invertebrates over the last 10 years and presents a draft work plan for the Commission’s future work in this area, for review by the Working Group.

7. Draft Revised Strategic Plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (2018–2027)

The Commission, at its last session, updated the major outputs and milestones (2018–2027) of the MYPOW⁹ and agreed that the Strategic Plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture¹⁰ adopted at the Commission’s Fourteenth Regular Session would remain valid for the time being. However, it requested the Secretary to invite Members and observers to comment during the intersessional period on the draft Strategic Plan and to revise the document, taking into account comments received, relevant international developments and FAO’s Strategic Framework.

A revised version of the draft Strategic Plan, as reviewed by the Bureau of the Commission, is contained in Appendix I to the document *Draft Revised Strategic Plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (2018–2027) (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/7)*, for review by the Working Group.

8. Any other business

9. Adoption of the Report

⁷ CGRFA-16/17/Report, paragraph 86.

⁸ CGRFA-16/17/Report, paragraph 78.

⁹ CGRFA-16/17/Report Rev.1, *Appendix C*.

¹⁰ CGRFA-14/13/Report, *Appendix I*.

Annex 1. Provisional timetable.

Date and time	Agenda item	Title	Working document
Wednesday, 27 June 2018 morning			
10.00 – 13.00	1	Election of Chair, Vice-Chair(s) and Rapporteur	
	2	Adoption of the agenda and timetable	CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/1 CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/1 Add.1
	3	Status of implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources	
	3.1	Review of the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources	CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/2
Wednesday, 27 June 2018 afternoon			
15:00 – 18:00	3.2	Status of the development of the Domestic Animal Diversity Information System	CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/3
Thursday, 28 June 2018 morning			
10.00 – 13.00	4	Access and benefit-sharing for genetic resources for food and agriculture	CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/4
	5	“Digital sequence information” on genetic resources for food and agriculture	CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/5
Thursday, 28 June 2018 Afternoon			
15:00 – 18:00	6	Draft work plan for future work on sustainable use and conservation of micro-organism and invertebrate genetic resources for food and agriculture	CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/6
	7	Draft Revised Strategic Plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (2018–2027)	CGRFA/WG-AnGR-10/18/7
	8	Any other business	
Friday, 29 June 2018 afternoon			
15:00 – 18:00	9	Adoption of the Report	