



The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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NOTIFICATION

International Treaty Event at International Green Week Berlin 2014:
“Sharing the Benefits from Food Plants: the International Treaty
on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture”

Dear madame/sir,
dear National Focal Point,

Firstly, let me wish you a very happy New Year. May 2014 bring only good things to you. I look forward to continuing to work closely with you for the implementation of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in 2014.

2013 was a landmark year for the International Treaty, highlighted by major decisions taken by the Treaty's Governing Body, and I am confident that 2014 will bring further important progress for the implementation and enhancement of the Treaty.

I am glad to inform you that the Treaty will be holding a small high-level event at the upcoming International Green Week in Berlin later this month. The event – entitled “Sharing the Benefits from Food Plants: the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture” – will provide an opportunity to present ongoing efforts to enhance benefit-sharing in the context of the International Treaty. It will raise general awareness about the Treaty and its Benefit-Sharing Fund, and will provide an opportunity to publicize and inform stakeholders that the third Call for Proposals will be launched in the near future to further advance benefit-sharing under the Treaty, as decided by the Governing Body at its fifth Session. While this event is not the launch of the Call, it will bring together Ministers, country representatives, donors, and beneficiaries to reflect the progress of benefit-sharing in the context of the Treaty.

I would highly appreciate if you could please forward this invitation for the Treaty event to your national Delegation, who will be attending the International Green Week in Berlin, and encourage their participation in the event. This will raise awareness about the important work you are doing as a National Focal Point of the Treaty and will enable your Delegation to attend the event and learn more about the Treaty.

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The Treaty event will take place on 17 January 2014 from 13.00 – 15.00 hours in Room 44 of the ICC building at the Messe Berlin Exhibition Grounds, located at Messedamm 22 in Berlin, Germany. Further details on the event can be obtained on the Treaty website at: www.planttreaty.org.

I remain at your disposal for any further information you might require, and look forward to the participation of your delegation at the Treaty event in Berlin at International Green Week on 17 January 2014.

Any query or request for further information may be addressed to PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shakeel Bhatti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr.Shakeel Bhatti
Secretary
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for Food and Agriculture