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ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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NOTIFICATION

Invitation to Complete and Circulate the Questionnaire on the willingness of the stakeholders to use the Multilateral System

- Deadline: 22 August 2014 -

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Governing Body of the International Treaty requested the Secretariat prepare a study analysing the factors that influence the willingness of stakeholder groups to make contributions to the Benefit-sharing Fund and to access plant genetic resources for food and agriculture from the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing (Study 4). I refer to the ongoing preparatory work that the Secretariat is undertaking to gather information for the preparation of the Study for the second meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group to enhance the functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing.

Through Resolution 2/2013, the Governing Body requested the Secretariat to prepare four short, strategic preliminary studies, including the one referred above, to support the deliberations of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group. The Resolution specifies that task (c) of the Working Group is “to consult with relevant Stakeholder Groups” with a view to achieving enhanced access and increased fair and equitable sharing of benefits. The Working Group, at its first meeting, noted that Study 4 would involve a questionnaire to be provided by the stakeholders and followed up with interviews where possible.

The purpose of this Notification is to invite all interested stakeholders to complete the questionnaire that the Secretariat will take into account in preparing Study 4.

National Focal Points are kindly requested to complete the questionnaire and circulate it to all stakeholders in their countries with a request to complete the questionnaire.

The questionnaire consists of one General Section with 17 questions for all respondents and specific Annexes for either officials completing the questionnaire on behalf of a government or public institution or to respondents of each Stakeholder Group (with a maximum of 10 questions in each Annex). This questionnaire can be completed in 30 to 40 minutes and is available in three languages:

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English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QX7VNP9>

French: <https://fr.surveymonkey.com/s/HRX2XCL>

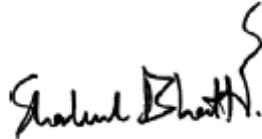
Spanish: <https://es.surveymonkey.com/s/HRS2BXY>



The questionnaire has been designed in collaboration with the representatives of the Stakeholder Groups to the first meeting of the Working Group who had been nominated by their Stakeholder Groups to participate in the first meeting. The Secretary discussed the draft questionnaire with the Co-Chairs of the Working Group. **The suggested deadline for the questionnaire is 22 August 2014.**

Should you have any question or if you prefer to complete the questionnaire off-line, please contact the Secretariat at: treaty@itpgrfa.net.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shakeel Bhatti". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Dr Shakeel Bhatti
Secretary
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