



Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the  
United Nations



The International Treaty  
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES  
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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<b>Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda</b>
<b>SIXTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY</b>
<b>Rome, Italy, 5 – 9 October 2015</b>
<b>List of Observers</b>

1. As established under Article 19.5 of the Treaty, any “*body or agency, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, which has informed the Secretary of the Treaty of its wish to be represented as an observer at a session of the Governing Body, may be admitted unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present object*”.

2. The Rules of Procedure adopted by the Governing Body at its First Session in June 2006, state that “*such observers may, upon invitation of the Chairperson, participate without the right to vote in sessions of the Governing Body on matters of direct concern to the body or agency they represent unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present at the session object*”<sup>1</sup>. The Rules of Procedure further foresee that “*before the opening of a session of the Governing Body the Secretary will circulate a list of observers who have requested approval to be represented at the session*”<sup>2</sup>.

3. The following bodies and agencies have requested approval to be represented at the Sixth Session of the Governing Body of the Treaty<sup>3</sup>:

- 1. African Centre for Biodiversity**
2. Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group)
3. African Development Bank
- 4. Association Sénégalaise de Producteurs de Semences Paysannes**
5. Arizona State University
- 6. Biodiversity: Exchange and Dissemination of Experiences**
- 7. Bread for the World**
8. Asociación para la Naturaleza y el Desarrollo Sostenible (ANDES)
9. Association de Réflexion d'échanges et d'actions pour l'Environnement et le Développement (AREA-ED)

<sup>1</sup> IT/GB-1/06/Report, *Appendix D*, Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, Rule VII.2.

<sup>2</sup> IT/GB-1/06/Report, *Appendix D*, Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, Rule VII.4.

<sup>3</sup> The organizations that have requested to be admitted as observers the first time are highlighted in bold.

12. Community Technology Development Trust
13. European Seed Association
14. French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD)
15. Fridtjof Nansen Institute
16. German Plant Breeders' Association
17. **Global EcoLomics**
18. Greenpeace International
19. International Center for Biosaline Agriculture
20. International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
21. International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC)
22. International Seed Federation (ISF)
23. La Via Campesina
24. Nordic Genetic Resource Centre
25. Oxfam Novib
26. **Peace Seeds**
27. Southeast Asian Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE)
28. South Center
29. Southern African Development Community (SADC)
30. **Synergie Paysanne in Benin**
31. The Development Fund (DF)
32. Third World Network
33. **Università delle Marche**
34. **University of British Columbia**
35. **University of Minnesota**
36. **University of Tsukuba**
37. **Verein Arche Noah**