



The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



Our Ref.: PL 40/31

Rome, 31 July 2012

NOTIFICATION

Workshop to discuss a platform for the co-development and transfer of technologies

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Treaty, in Article 13.2(ii), provides for non-monetary benefit-sharing through, *inter alia*, the transfer of technology, which shall be carried out through a set of measures, such as ... all types of partnership in research and development and in commercial joint ventures ...”

In March 2010, The Governments of Indonesia and Norway organized an International Consultation on Benefit-sharing under the Treaty in Bogor, Indonesia, which considered in particular Non-Monetary Benefit-sharing.

In Resolution 4/2011, the Governing Body “thank[ed] the Governments of Indonesia and Norway for convening a Global Consultation on Benefit-sharing under the Multilateral System”. It “invite[ed] Contracting Parties and other relevant stakeholder to explore innovative benefit-sharing measures within the purview of Articles 13.2a, b, and c of the Treaty”. It also “request[ed] the Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to facilitate the necessary measures to implement the non-monetary benefit-sharing mechanisms of Articles 13.2a, b and c.”

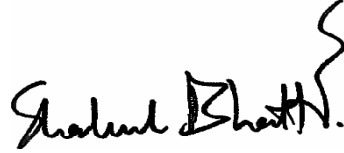
Subsequently, during the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 21 June 2012), the Governments of Brazil, Norway and Italy hosted the Second High-level Roundtable on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, which adopted the *Rio Six-point Action Plan for the International Treaty*. This recommended, *inter alia*, that stakeholders establish a Platform for the Co-Development and Transfer of Technologies within the context of non-monetary benefit-sharing under the Treaty.¹

In continuation of these past efforts, the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (Embrapa) in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply and the Ministry of Environment, and the Indonesian Agency for Agricultural Research and Development (IAARD) are hosting a workshop with a number of stakeholders to discuss the establishment of such a platform, considering existing experiences.

¹ See <http://www.planttreaty.org/content/second-high-level-round-table-international-treaty---june-2012>.

The meeting, will take place in Brasilia on 7-8 August 2012. The agenda of the meeting is herewith attached for your information. I will report on the outcomes of the meeting to the Bureau of the Fifth Session of the Governing Body.

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



Shakeel Bhatti
Secretary
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources
for Food and Agriculture





Provisional Agenda

PLATFORM FOR THE CO-DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGIES

7th – 8th August 2012
Embrapa Headquarters,
Brasilia, Brasil

7TH AUGUST 2012

(09.00 – 9.30)

➤ **Opening and Welcome**

- Ministry of Agriculture of Brazil
- Ministry of Environment of Brazil
- [Indonesian Agency for Agricultural Research and Development]
- Embrapa
- Chairman of the High-level Roundtable on the International Treaty
- Secretary of the International Treaty

(09.30 – 10.00)

➤ **Review of agenda and expected outcomes**

(10.00 – 10.30)

➤ **Objectives, principles and target outcomes of the Platform**

(10.30 – 11.00)

➤ **Break**

SESSION 1

(11.00 – 11.30)

➤ **Non-monetary benefit-sharing and technology transfer under the Treaty**

(11.00 – 13.00)

➤ **Effective technology transfer under the Platform**

- the role of partners in the Platform
- ensuring impact: assisting farmers to adapt to climate change with a special focus on improving nutrition with selected crops
- co-developing technology packages and adoption strategies
- Technology recipients' support needs

(13.00 – 14.00)

➤ **Lunch**

(14.00 – 15.00)

➤ **Effective technology transfer under the Platform (continued)**

(15.00 – 16.00)

➤ **Core working partners and the identification of other possible partner institutions**

(16.00 – 17.00)

➤ **Conclusions of Session 1**

- *How the relationships will work*
- *How the working partners will identify potential contributions and activities*
- *How do the partners work with each other and, collectively, engage others*

8TH AUGUST 2012

SESSION 2

(09.00 – 9.15)

➤ **Review of the previous day's conclusions**

(09.15 – 09.30)

➤ **Technology transfer within the Benefit-sharing Fund**

(09.30 – 10.45)

➤ **Enhancing technology transfer in the next Call for Proposals of the Benefit-sharing Fund: Advice from the Platform on:**

- *Project design and structure: project templates; partnership arrangements, length and size of projects; technology transfer methodologies*
- *Criteria for screening and appraisal of proposals*
- *Helpdesk arrangements*

(10.45 – 11.00)

➤ **Break**

(11.00 – 12.00)

➤ **Enhancing technology transfer in the next Call for Proposals of the Benefit-sharing Fund (continued)**

(12.00 – 13.00)

➤ **Launching the Platform and testing technology transfer methodologies in the next Call for proposals of the Benefit-sharing Fund :**

- **the role of the Platform;**
- **the support from the Call.**

(13.00 – 14.00)

➤ **Lunch**

(14.00 – 14.30)

➤ **Conclusions of Session 2**

- *Technology transfer and the Benefit-sharing Fund*

SESSION 3

(14.30 – 17.00)

➤ **Planning for the Platform: Next steps for the partners**

- *Defining the concept of the platform*

- *Identification of a Chair for immediate activities*
- *Possible other partners*
- *Activities of the partners in the next year*
 - *Contribution of the platform to the various stages of the third round of the project cycle*
 - *Next meetings and follow-up*
 - *Informing the Governing Body*
 - *External events: informing Contracting Parties and other stakeholders*

(17.00 – 17.30)

➤ **Closing**