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# **Synthesis and stocktaking of experiences, best practices and lessons learned on the implementation of Farmers' Rights**

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and Farmers' Rights**

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# Decisions endorsed by the Governing Body

## Resolution 7/2017

- **Collect (knowledge), views and experiences (and best practices) on the implementation of Farmers' Rights, involving, as appropriate, farmers' organizations and other stakeholders (since GB-2/2007)**
- Consider reviewing and, if necessary, adjusting national measures affecting the realization of Farmers' Rights (including regulations concerning variety release and seed distribution,
- Convene regional (and/or local, national, international) consultations on Farmers' Rights
- Engage farmer organizations and relevant stakeholders in matters related to the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA
- Engage in capacity building, dissemination, networking

# Overview of Submissions since 2012

<b>Submissions Received</b>	<b>2012 – 2017</b>	<b>2018 (AHTEG-1)</b>	<b>2019 (AHTEG-2)</b>
<b>Total</b>	21	33	<b>62</b>
<b>Contracting Parties</b>	5	21	<b>32*</b>

# The Expert Group: current developments

- On producing the *Inventory*: **agreed on the structure and elements; template for gathering the examples of measures and practices**
- On developing the *Options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty*: **agreed on the elements to be covered; the outline is also developed**

These outputs will be presented to the Governing Body at its Eighth Session



## Submission on measures, practices and lessons learned – using the recommended **TEMPLATE**

- **Basic Information**
- **Mandatory Information** (Short summary in 200 words describing the measures/practices, Objective(s), Summary of core components, Key outcomes  
Lessons learned (if applicable), historical information, which provision(s) of Article 9 of the International Treaty, category)
- **Lessons Learned**
- **Further Information**

## Categories of Measures and Practices

1. Recognition of local and indigenous communities', farmers' contributions to conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA, such as awards and recognition of custodian/guardian farmers
2. Financial contributions to support farmers conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA such as contributions to benefit-sharing funds
3. Approaches to encourage income-generating activities to support farmers' conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA
4. Catalogues, registries and other forms of documentation of PGRFA and protection of traditional knowledge
5. In-situ/on-farm conservation and management of PGRFA, such as social and cultural measures, community biodiversity management and conservation sites

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7. Facilitation of farmers' access to a diversity of PGRFA through community seed banks, seed networks and other measures improving farmers' choices of a wider diversity of PGRFA
8. Participatory approaches to research on PGRFA, including characterization and evaluation, participatory plant breeding and variety selection
9. Farmers' participation in decision-making at local, national and sub-regional, regional and international levels
10. Training, capacity development and public awareness creation
11. Legal measures for the implementation of Farmers' Rights, such as legislative measures related to PGRFA
12. Other measures / practices





# The **OPTIONS** for encouraging, guiding, and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty

**Background and rationale, objective, nature and scope, intended users/target groups**

## **Information on each option:**

Explaining what this option; Describing what type(s) of measures may typically be involved (technical, administrative, legal and/or other measures)

## **Category 1:**

Recognition of local and indigenous communities' and farmers' contributions to the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA, such as awards and recognition of custodian/guardian farmers

## **Option A:**

(to list all possible options that are tried in other location or country, region)