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Toward a new Programme of Work on Conservation and Sustainable Use of PGRFA (PoW 2020-2023)

**Latin America and Caribbean Training Workshop on Conservation and
Sustainable Use of PGRFA and Farmers' Rights**

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GROUP SESSION

Inventory of national measures that may be adopted, best practices and lessons learned from the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty (Resolution 7/2017)

Group work: to Fill in the Expert Group's Agreed Structure of the DRAFT INVENTORY

Note: Existing available measures and practices or in the process of implementation

Notes on the Types of Measures and Practices

Technical: Refers to initiatives, programmes, projects and activities with certain objectives and expected results and outcomes, particularly on implementing practical actions on the ground that are directly supporting or contributing to the implementation of Farmers' Rights.

Administrative: Refers to a directive, activity, ministerial and/or inter-ministerial memorandum/circular, codes, guidelines, rules or similar advisory relevant and related to Farmers' Rights, with the effect to implement an action of an organization and/or jointly with another organization.

Legal: Refers to a Law, Act, Bill or any other legal policies and instruments relevant and related to Farmers' Rights.

Others: Refers to any measures and practices that promotes the realization of Farmers' Rights through enhancing understanding and awareness of Farmers' Rights such as studies, advocacy work, financial instruments, etc.

The Programme of Work on Sustainable Use and the supporting Initiatives 2020- 2023 (PoW 2020-2023)

The current PoW 2016-2019 will expire this year, thus providing an opportunity for the Governing Body to consider future work on Conservation and Sustainable Use including, possibly, a new programme of work to succeed the current one.

The new PoW 2020-2023 has been based on the experiences gained so far in implementing the previous one and, like in the past, its implementation will be “subject to the availability of resources”. Its elements provide a more comprehensive linkage between the “conservation” and “sustainable use” of PGRFA in accordance with the recognition that sustainable use should not be considered as a stand-alone activity but rather linked to the conservation of PGRFA.

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VISION

Plant genetic resources for food and agriculture are conserved and used sustainably in accordance with Articles 5 and 6, to enable more inclusive and sustainable agricultural and food systems at local, national and international levels.

MISSION

To enhance the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture through effective measures that translate Articles 5 and 6 of the Treaty into country-level impact.

The Programme of Work on Sustainable Use and the supporting Initiatives 2020- 2023 (PoW 2020-2023)

Goals

Monitoring, implementing and ensuring technical support

Goal 1: To support and monitor efforts to implement the provisions of Articles 5, 6 and 9 by Contracting Parties of the Treaty and stakeholders that are relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, based on national priorities and needs.

Goal 2: To provide guidance by monitoring the implementation of the Treaty in relation to the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

Goal 3: To continue enhancing and monitoring the technical support and expertise provided by FAO in the area of conservation and sustainable use, as foreseen in Article 5 and 6 of the Treaty.

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Goals

Cooperating and improving partnerships

Goal 4: To strengthen collaboration and partnerships among stakeholders participating in projects and programmes relevant to conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, taking into account the Sustainable Development Goals and the Convention on Biological Diversity's post 2020 global biodiversity framework.

Goal 5: To implement the objectives of non-monetary benefit-sharing, and the Priority Activities of the *Second Global Plan of Action*, regarding the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

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Components

1. Training and capacity building on conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA and Farmers' Rights
2. Toolbox for Conservation and Sustainable Use of PGRFA
3. Implementing the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA, as per Articles 5 and 6 of the Treaty
4. Joint Programme on biodiversity in agriculture for sustainable use of PGRFA
5. Promoting the development and implementation of friendly agricultural policies for the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA
6. Access to and transfer of technology in the context of non-monetary benefit-sharing

N.	Components	Outcomes GB 9 (2021)	Outcomes GB 10 (2023)	Goals of the PoW 2020-2023
1.	<p>Training and capacity building on conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA and Farmers' Rights</p>	<p>Sharing experiences and lessons learned on conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA and implementation of Farmers' Rights</p> <p>Exploring new ideas to identify areas and opportunities to promote the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA and Farmers' Rights</p> <p>Analysis of the BSF projects, and their initial impacts on stakeholders' involvement, information dissemination and technology sharing.</p>	<p>Dissemination of existing national plans and programmes on conservation and sustainable agriculture even through the Toolbox</p> <p>Capacity building events and tools focusing on particular techniques and technologies that can support conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA (e.g. participatory breeding, evolutionary breeding, generation and use of digital sequence information for PGRFA and effective use).</p>	2,3 and 4

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2.	Toolbox for Conservation and Sustainable Use of PGRFA	Populating, expanding and dissemination of the Toolbox in the Treaty website Monitoring and evaluating the actual usage of the Toolbox	Collection of available information, activities, programmes and additional elements raising up from the PoW in the Toolbox Monitoring and evaluating the actual use of the Toolbox	1,2,3,4 and 5

N.	Components	Outcomes GB 9 (2021)	Outcomes GB 10 (2023)	Goals of the PoW 2020-2023
3.	Implementing the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA, as per Articles 5 and 6 of the Treaty	The Secretariat monitors technical and policy developments, and report back to the Governing Body.	The Secretariat monitors technical and policy developments, which are referred to the Governing Body for guidance	1,2 and 5

N.	Components	Outcomes GB 9 (2021)	Outcomes GB 10 (2023)	Goals of the PoW 2020-2023
4.	<p>Joint Programme on biodiversity in agriculture for sustainable use of PGRFA</p>	<p>Developing a concept note or notes based on the four thematic areas identified for discussion with potential partners and funders.</p> <p>Identifying partners and sources of funding, leveraging resources, expertise, and in-kind contributions for the implementation of a Joint Programme on Biodiversity in Agriculture for Sustainable Use of PGRFA.</p> <p>Selecting experiences, practices and mechanisms on the sustainable use of PGRFA, as well as the complementarity of <i>in situ</i>, on-farm management and <i>ex situ</i> conservation of PGRFA.</p>	<p>Involving other organizations and stakeholders, to enhance the joint programme implementation .</p> <p>Contracting parties and stakeholders receive technical support for the development of strategies and action plans to promote and enhance the sustainable use of PGRFA, including the conservation and utilization of crop wild relatives, involving all stakeholders.</p> <p>Analysis of financial strategies for conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA at national level</p>	<p>1 and 4</p>

N.	Components	Outcomes GB 9 (2021)	Outcomes GB 10 (2023)	Goals of the PoW 2020-2023
5.	Promoting the development and implementation of friendly agricultural policies for the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA	Collection of public policy measures adopted by contracting parties for supporting and facilitating the use of PGRFA in food systems (from crop innovation to food markets);	Comparative analysis of public policy measures adopted and the impact of the measures adopted; comparative analysis of the impact of these measures; subsequent recommendations.	1 and 2

N.	Components	Outcomes GB 9 (2021)	Outcomes GB 10 (2023)	Goals of the PoW 2020-2023
6.	Access to and transfer of technology in the context of non-monetary benefit-sharing	<p>First analysis on technologies, results of technical, scientific and socio-economic research, including characterization, evaluation, and utilization of PGRFA under the Multilateral System.</p> <p>Collection and dissemination of good practices and crop-specialized networks in relation to building partnerships, knowledge sharing and technology transfer.</p>	<p>First Catalogue of inventories, information on technologies, results of technical, scientific and socio-economic research, including characterization, evaluation, and utilization of PGRFA under the Multilateral System.</p> <p>Supporting the exchange of information, technologies and good practices among contracting parties and other stakeholders.</p>	1,2,3 and 5

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GUIDANCE SOUGHT

- To take note of the activities undertaken to implement the PoW 2016-2019 and
- To consider and adopt a new PoW 2020-2023 which provides a more comprehensive linkage between the “conservation” and “sustainable use” with
- A revised “Vision, Mission and Goals” and a new table of components and outcomes.
- To convene the Ad Hoc Technical Committee on Conservation and Sustainable Use of PGRFA.

Conservation and Sustainable Use of PGRFA

Questions for the 3 sub-groups:

1. Training and capacity building on conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA and Farmers' Rights
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Do the 6 Components of the New Programme of Work on Conservation and Sustainable Use 2020-2023 reflect the strength, gaps and needs discussed during the training workshop?

Farmers' Rights

The Governing Body:

Invites Contracting Parties and all relevant stakeholders, especially farmers' organizations, to submit views, experiences and best practices as an example of possible options for national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty, as appropriate and subject to national legislation, in preparation for the inventory, and requests the Secretary to compile and submit this input to the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights;

Questions:

Based on the 2 days presentations and discussions can you try to fill up the Table adopted by the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights?

THANK YOU

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