Views, Experiences and Best Practices as an example of possible options for the national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty

Note by the Secretary

At its second meeting of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers’ Rights (AHTEG), the Expert Group agreed on a revised version of the template for collecting information on examples of national measures, best practices and lessons learned from the realization of Farmers’ Rights.

This document presents the updated information on best practices and measures of implementing Article 9 of the International Treaty submitted by Indonesia on 31 July 2019.

The submission is presented in the form and language in which it was received.
MEASURE/PRACTICE 15

BASIC INFORMATION

- Title of measure/practice: Breeder Farmer Group
- Date of submission: 
- Name of country in which the measure/practice is taking place: Indonesia
- Responsible institution/organization
  - Name: Association of Indonesian Seed Banks and Farmers Agricultural Technology (Asosiasi Bank Benih dan Teknologi Indonesia-AB2TI)
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- Type of Institution/organization: Non-Government (NGO)
- Collaborating/supporting institutions/organizations/actors: -

DESCRIPTION OF THE EXAMPLE

MANDATORY INFORMATION

- Short summary of the measure/practice: 
- Brief history: Breeder farmer Group and The Association of Indonesian Seed Bank and Farmers Agricultural Technology (AB2TI), was founded 2012 from a series of farmers discussion. This association develops agricultural seeds and technology in Indonesia and until now produced 3,600 species of crossed rice. The purpose of establishing this association was to enhance the farmers capacity in breeder process and more independent in seed production. Most of their activities based on local variety
- Core components of the measure/practice: Conducted training in plant breeding and establish networks among the members. The main target is to enhance farmers' knowledge and capacity of farmers in crossing the plants, select variety and then produce the seed. They also sell the seeds that they produced to AB2TI members and surrounding communities
- Description of the context and the history of the measure/practice is taking place: Most of the members of this association stay in Java and Sumatera island
To which provision(s) of Article 9 of the International Treaty does this measure relate:
- Art. 9.1.
- Art. 9.3

OTHER INFORMATION, IF APPLICABLE
- Please indicate which category of the Inventory is most relevant for the proposed measure, and which other categories are also relevant (if any):

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<td>Financial contributions to support farmers conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA such as contributions to benefit-sharing funds</td>
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<td>Farmers’ participation in decision-making at local, national and sub-regional, regional and international levels</td>
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- Objective(s): To enhance farmers' knowledge and capacity in breeder activities.
- Target group(s) and numbers of involved and affected farmers: Around 200 active members and 1,000 passive members
- Location(s) and geographical outreach: Most of the members of this association stay in Java and Sumatera island
- Resources used for implementation of the measure/practice: -
• How has the measure/practice affected the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA?

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• Please describe the achievements of the measure/practice so far (including quantification)

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• Other national level instruments that are linked to measure/practice

: This association develops agricultural seeds and technology in Indonesia and until now produced 3,600 species of crossed rice. The purpose of establishing this association was to enhance the farmers capacity in breeding process and more independent in seed production. Most of their activities based on local variety.

• Are you aware of any other international agreements or programs that are relevant for this measure/practice?

: No

• Other issues you wish to address that have not yet been covered to describe the measure/practice

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LESSONS LEARNED

• Describe lesson learned which may be relevant for others who wish to do the same or similar measures/practices

: Through this association, farmers are aware of the importance of preserving the germplasm around them. They become aware of the economic benefits of existing germplasm.

• What challenges encountered along the way (if applicable)

: This association develops because they not only develop seeds but also other economic activities related to the seeds.

• Link to further information about the measure/practice

: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGdjHZD4Agw