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**On-line survey of the impacts of COVID-19 on the implementation of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

**REMINDER AND EXTENSION OF DEADLINE**

Dear Sir/Dear Madam,

On 24 June, I drew your attention to the on-line survey being conducted by the Secretariat on the impacts of COVID-19 on the implementation of the International Treaty at the country level.

This is to invite the National Focal Points who have not yet done so, to consider responding to the survey, which is available in English, French and Spanish at the following links, respectively:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ITPGRFA\\_Covid-19](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ITPGRFA_Covid-19)

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ITPGRFA\\_Covid-19\\_fr](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ITPGRFA_Covid-19_fr)

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ITPGRFA\\_Covid-19\\_es](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ITPGRFA_Covid-19_es)

Following a number of requests and in order to enable more complete information and broader response to the survey, the deadline for submission has now been extended to **23 August 2020**.

I encourage you to share any available information, including information that you may have received from relevant stakeholders in your respective country.


In the analysis of the survey results, the Secretariat will neither identify specific country inputs nor share personal data of the respondents in any publicly available documentation.

The survey results will assist Contracting Parties with identifying key issues affecting implementation of the International Treaty and defining possible responses and measures. This will also be reported to the Governing Body at its next Session. Furthermore, I plan to convene an on-line expert panel on COVID-19 impacts sometime in September 2020, including to discuss the survey results. I will communicate the details, as soon as arrangements for the on-line panel are finalized.



For any assistance or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at: [pgrfa-treaty@fao.org](mailto:pgrfa-treaty@fao.org).

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



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