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**Report of the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on  
Farmers' Rights**

**Executive Summary**

At its Seventh Session, the Governing Body established the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights (Expert Group) to (i) produce an 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; and (ii) based on the inventory, develop options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty.

During the biennium, the Expert Group met twice in Rome, Italy, in September 2018 and in May 2019. The documents and Reports of both meetings are available on the website of the International Treaty.

This document contains the previously published Report of the Second Meeting of the Expert Group for the information of the Governing Body.

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**INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES  
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**SECOND MEETING OF THE *AD HOC* TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON  
FARMERS' RIGHTS**

**Rome, Italy, 20–23 May 2019**

**REPORT**

**ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. The second meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights (Expert Group) was opened by Mr. Kent Nnadozie, Secretary of the International Treaty. He welcomed participants to FAO Headquarters and thanked the Governments of Italy and Norway for their generous financial support, which made it possible for the meeting to be conducted in Arabic, English, French and Spanish, and working documents to be made available in all four languages. He wished the Expert Group a fruitful meeting, in the same constructive spirit as the first one, and emphasized its importance in the preparations for the Eighth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty.

2. The Co-chairs, Ms. Svanhild-Isabelle Batta Torheim (Norway) and Mr. Rakesh Chandra Agrawal (India), recalled the mandate of the Expert Group, which was to produce an inventory of national measures and to develop options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, based on the inventory, for the consideration of the Governing Body. They welcomed all experts and observers, especially those who newly joined the Expert Group, and recalled the main outcomes of the first meeting of the Expert Group in September 2018. The Co-chairs reiterated that the Expert Group was not a negotiating group, in that the experts were called upon to share their knowledge, experiences and expertise on Farmers' Rights in order to carry out the mandate given to them by the Governing Body.

**ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

3. The Co-chairs presented the document, IT/GB-8/AHTEG-2/19/Inf.5, *Note on Organizational Matters*, and informed the Expert Group on how they intended to organize and manage the meeting, especially with regard to the participation of observers.

4. The Co-Chairs also informed the Expert Group that the Bureau of the Eighth Session of the Governing Body at its meeting in March 2019 had agreed to consider the membership of the Co-chairs of the Expert Group to be outside the regional membership quota. Consequently, the two concerned regions accordingly nominated new members to complete their regional nominations.

5. The Expert Group noted these developments and welcomed its new members. It also thanked the Secretary for the quality of the documents prepared for this meeting.

### ITEM 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND TIME TABLE

6. The Expert Group adopted its Agenda, as provided in *Appendix 1*. The list of participants of the meeting is contained in *Appendix 2*.

### ITEM 4. IMPLEMENTATION OF FARMERS' RIGHTS

#### *Item 4.1 Inventory*

7. The Secretary introduced the document, IT/GB-8/AHTEG-2/19/3 *Inventory of national measures, best practices and lessons learned from the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty*. The Secretary also introduced the document IT/GB-8/AHTEG-2/19/3Add.1 *Draft Inventory of national measures, best practices and lessons learned from the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty*, and explained how the draft Inventory was developed and the rationale followed to organize measures and practices submitted by Contracting Parties and relevant Stakeholders.

8. The Expert Group continued its work on developing an inventory, based on the draft prepared by the Secretary in accordance with the Group's request and contained in the document, IT/GB-8/AHTEG-FR-2/19/3 Add.1.

9. The Expert Group agreed that the main purpose of the Inventory was to produce a catalogue of the range of measures/practices for the realization of Farmers' Rights that had been or were in the process of being implemented, so as to share, among the Contracting Parties and relevant stakeholders, experiences gained so far with the implementation of Article 9. The Inventory will include a disclaimer, clarifying that the Expert Group did not evaluate or assess the measures/practices contained in the Inventory as to whether or not any measure/practice contributes to the realization of Farmers' Rights.

10. The draft Inventory as presented in the document, IT/GB-8/AHTEG-FR-2/19/3 Add.1 contained a brief introductory part explaining the nature of the Inventory, its purpose and how it was developed. The Expert Group requested the Secretary to update this introductory part explaining how the different provisions of Article 9 relate to each other and to other Articles of the Treaty. The Expert Group discussed the relevance of realizing Farmers' Rights in the context of the Global Plan of Action.

11. It also agreed that the following text should be inserted in the introductory part of the Inventory:

“In reaching consensus on the structure of the Inventory, the experts recognized that Article 9 of the Treaty states that responsibility for realizing Farmers' Rights rests with national governments. Contracting parties are invited to pick up the ideas, practical activities, or experiences from the inventory to implement Farmers' Rights at the national level as appropriate, but no particular item contained in the inventory should be understood as being specifically required under Article 9 of the Treaty.”

12. The Expert Group agreed that the Inventory is a rolling document and should be configured in a manner that would allow for the inclusion of new information and possible updating. The Expert Group agreed on a revised version of the template for collecting information, as given in *Annex 2*. It requested the Secretary to use the updated template on the website of the International Treaty for further submissions. The Expert Group agreed that only submissions containing the mandatory information in the template would be included in the Inventory.

13. The Expert Group discussed the issue of whether Contracting Parties should be informed about legislative measures related to them, in cases where they were not submitted by said Contracting Parties.

14. The Expert Group reviewed the columns in the structure of the draft Inventory and agreed the revised version as contained in *Annex 3*. It also agreed on the following categories to be included in the rows of the structure, as a tool to assist users to navigate the Inventory based on similarity of submissions:

No.	Name of category
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
6	Facilitation of farmers' access to a diversity of PGRFA through community seed banks <sup>1</sup> , seed networks and other measures improving farmers' choices of a wider diversity of PGRFA
7	Participatory approaches to research on PGRFA, including characterization and evaluation, participatory plant breeding and variety selection
8	Farmers' participation in decision-making at local, national and sub-regional, regional and international levels
9	Training, capacity development and public awareness creation
10	Legal measures for the implementation of Farmers' Rights, such as legislative measures related to PGRFA
11	Other measures/practices

15. In preparation for the Eighth Session of the Governing Body, all Contracting Parties and stakeholders that made submissions would be invited to update their submissions based on the revised template and to reconfirm their information that is included in the draft Inventory. The Expert Group also agreed that the link in the draft Inventory to the submission should only be to the relevant measure.

16. The Expert Group requested the Secretariat to update the draft Inventory in accordance with the agreed elements, structure and categories. The Expert Group further requested the Secretary to accept new submissions and that only submissions received by 31 July 2019 will be included in the updated version of the draft Inventory to be presented to the Governing Body at its Eighth Session as an information document.

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<sup>1</sup> This also includes Seed houses

17. It also agreed that it would be useful and expedient for an online electronic version of the Governing Body approved Inventory to be established by the Secretariat to enable ease of access, use, searching and updating.

#### *Item 4.2 Options*

18. The Secretary introduced the document, IT/GB-8/AHTEG-2/19/4 Rev.1, *Options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty*. The document explored the possible meanings of "options", how it differed from "guidelines", and provided information on examples derived from other international processes and fora.

19. The Expert Group considered that the Options should be a rolling document. It agreed that the Options should have a concise and user-friendly structure, adopting the same categories as in the Inventory, with a reference to the relevant provision(s) of Article 9 of the International Treaty. It agreed that under each category, options to encourage, guide and promote the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, should be listed.

20. The Expert Group also agreed on how to describe the options taking into account the name of the option, what the option is about, and what type(s) of measures may typically be involved (technical, administrative, legal, other).

21. The Expert Group agreed on elements to be covered in the introductory part, such as background and rationale, objective, nature and scope, intended users/target groups. Several proposals were made on how the introductory part could be enhanced; more time will be needed to finalize these discussion.

22. The report of the Expert Group to the Governing Body contained, as *Annex 4 of Appendix 3*, an outline for developing the Options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty. The Expert Group is committed to continue its constructive work based on this outline.

#### **ITEM 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

23. The Expert Group recommended that the Governing Body welcome the draft Inventory and endorse the structure and template for further updates of the rolling Inventory.

24. As the Expert Group was unable to finish its task due to time and resource constraints, and considering the significant progress made so far, it further recommends that the Governing Body reconvene the Expert Group to enable it to finalize its tasks, as mandated by the Governing Body.

25. Should the Governing Body decide to reconvene the Expert Group, it should also request the Secretary to prepare relevant working documents to facilitate its work, including populating the outline for Options for further considerations by the group.

26. In this context, the Expert Group requested the Secretary to prepare elements of a possible draft Resolution for the consideration of the Governing Body at its Eighth Session, based on the past Resolutions on Farmers' Rights, and incorporating the relevant recommendations and issues the Group had agreed on.

27. The Expert Group thanked the Governments of Italy and Norway for the financial support they had provided towards the organization of the meeting, which also enabled the provision of interpretation and translation services.

**ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

28. The Expert Group adopted this report, containing the proceedings of the meeting and its report to the Eighth Session of the Governing Body.

## **AGENDA**

- 1) Opening of the meeting
- 2) Organizational matters
- 3) Adoption of the agenda and timetable
- 4) Implementation of Farmers' Rights
  - 4.1 Inventory of national measures, best practices and lessons learned from the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty
  - 4.2 Options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty
- 5) Any other business
- 6) Adoption of the Report

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**REPORT OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON  
FARMERS' RIGHTS  
TO THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights (Expert Group) was established by the Governing Body through Resolution 7/2017. Its mandate are to:
  - i. produce an 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; and
  - ii. based on the inventory, develop options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty.
2. The terms of reference of the Expert Group, as contained in Resolution 7/2017, are provided in *Annex 1*.
3. In establishing the Terms of Reference, the Governing Body agreed that the Expert Group may hold up to two meetings in the biennium 2018-2019, subject to the availability of financial resources.
4. The Expert Group held its first meeting from 11 to 14 September 2018 in Rome, Italy. As it could not conclude all its tasks at that meeting, it held a second meeting from 20 to 23 May 2019 in Rome, Italy.
5. The Expert Group comprised up to five members designated by each FAO region, up to three representatives of farmer organizations, particularly from the centers of origin and crop diversity, and up to three other stakeholders, including the seed sector, that were designated by the Bureau of the Eighth Session of the Governing Body. The list of members and stakeholders of the Expert Group is given in *Appendix 2*.
6. Pursuant to Resolution 7/2017, the Bureau of the Eighth Session of the Governing Body appointed Ms. Svanhild-Isabelle Batta Torheim (Norway) and Mr. Rakesh Chandra Agrawal (India) as the Co-chairs of the Expert Group. It also agreed to consider the membership of the Co-chairs of the Expert Group to be outside the regional membership quota. Consequently, the two concerned regions accordingly nominated new members to complete their regional nominations.
7. This report describes the work undertaken by the Expert Group during the biennium pursuant to its Terms of Reference.

**II. INVENTORY OF NATIONAL MEASURES, BEST PRACTICES AND  
LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE REALIZATION OF FARMERS' RIGHTS  
AS SET OUT IN ARTICLE 9 OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY**

8. The Expert Group recalled that the Governing Body, through Resolution 7/2017, invited Contracting Parties and all relevant stakeholders, especially farmers' organizations, to submit views, experiences and best practices as examples of possible options for national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty, as appropriate and subject to national legislation. In the preparation of the Inventory, it requested the Secretary to compile and submit these inputs to the

Expert Group on Farmers' Rights. The Expert Group noted the large number of Contracting Parties and stakeholders that made submissions in response to the Governing Body's invitation.

9. It agreed that the Inventory should contain a brief introductory part, explaining the nature of the Inventory, its purpose, and how it was developed. The Expert Group requested the Secretary to update this introductory part according to the inputs it provided at its second meeting.

10. The Expert Group agreed that the main purpose of the Inventory was to produce a catalogue of the range of measures/practices for the realization of Farmers' Rights that had been or were in the process of being implemented, so as to share, among the Contracting Parties and relevant stakeholders, experiences gained so far with the implementation of Article 9. The Inventory will include a disclaimer, clarifying that the Expert Group did not evaluate or assess the measures/practices contained in the Inventory as to whether or not any measure/practice contributes to the realization of Farmers' Rights.

11. The Inventory should be configured in a manner that would allow for the inclusion of new information and possible updating. Consequently, the Inventory shall be a rolling document. For this purpose, the Expert Group agreed on a template for collecting information on examples, as given in *Annex 2*, and requested the Secretary to put it on the website of the International Treaty as a suggested template for further submissions by Contracting Parties and stakeholders of national measures, best practices and lessons learned. The Expert Group agreed that only submissions containing the mandatory information in the template would be included in the Inventory.

12. The Expert Group agreed that the Inventory would only focus on measures and practices that had been or are in the process of being implemented.

13. The Expert Group recommended that the structure of the Inventory should be simple, concise, and accessible to possible users, while allowing for the relevant information to be included. The Expert Group accordingly agreed to utilize the structure as given in *Annex 3*.

14. The Expert Group agreed on the following categories to be used as rows in the structure, as a tool for assisting the user to navigate the Inventory based on similarity of submissions:

No.	Name of category
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

6	Facilitation of farmers' access to a diversity of PGRFA through community seed banks <sup>2</sup> , seed networks and other measures improving farmers' choices of a wider diversity of PGRFA
7	Participatory approaches to research on PGRFA, including characterization and evaluation, participatory plant breeding and variety selection
8	Farmers' participation in decision-making at local, national and sub-regional, regional and international levels
9	Training, capacity development and public awareness creation
10	Legal measures for the implementation of Farmers' Rights, such as legislative measures related to PGRFA
11	Other measures / practices

15. Based on these agreements, the Expert Group accordingly developed the *Inventory of National Measures, Best Practices and Lessons Learned from the Realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty*, based on the structure as provided in *Annex 3*. The Expert Group agreed that, having taken into account the huge volume and cost implications for translation into several languages, the draft Inventory will be contained in an information document to be made available to the Governing Body.

16. The Expert Group requested the Secretariat to update the draft Inventory in accordance with the agreed elements, structure and categories. The Expert Group further requested the Secretary to accept new submissions and that only submissions received by 31 July 2019 will be included in the updated version of the draft Inventory to be presented to the Governing Body at its Eighth Session as an information document.

17. It also agreed that it would be useful and expedient for an online electronic version of the Governing Body approved Inventory to be established by the Secretariat to enable ease of access, use, searching and updating.

### **III. OPTIONS FOR ENCOURAGING, GUIDING AND PROMOTING THE REALIZATION OF FARMERS' RIGHTS, AS SET OUT IN ARTICLE 9 OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY**

18. The Expert Group considered that the Options should be a rolling document. The Expert Group agreed that the Options should have a concise and user-friendly structure, adopting the same categories as in the Inventory, with a reference to the relevant provision/s of Article 9 of the International Treaty. It agreed that under each category, options to encourage, guide and promote the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, should be listed.

19. The Expert Group also agreed on how to describe the options taking into account the name of the option, what the option is about, and what type(s) of measures may typically be involved (technical, administrative, legal, other).

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<sup>2</sup> This also includes Seed houses

20. The Expert Group agreed on elements to be covered in the introductory part, such as background and rationale, objective, nature and scope, intended users/target groups. Several proposals were made on how the introductory part could be enhanced; more time will be needed to finalize these discussions.

21. The report of the Expert Group to the Governing Body contained, as *Annex 4*, an outline for developing the Options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty. The Expert Group is committed to continue its constructive work based on this outline.

#### **IV. RECOMMENDATIONS AND POSSIBLE FUTURE WORK OF THE EXPERT GROUP**

22. Based on its work and the progress in carrying out its tasks, the Expert Group recommends that the Governing Body welcome the draft Inventory, and endorse the structure and template for further updates of the rolling Inventory.

23. As the Expert Group was unable to finish its task due to the volume of work and time constraints, and considering the significant progress made so far, it further recommends that the Governing Body reconvene the Expert Group to enable it to finalize its tasks, as mandated by the Governing Body.

24. Should the Governing Body decide to reconvene the Expert Group, it should also request the Secretary to prepare relevant working documents to facilitate its work, including populating the template for Options for further considerations by the group.

25. The Expert Group further recommends that the Governing Body appeal to Contracting Parties and other donors to provide additional financial resources for the work of the Expert Group, including to cover costs of interpretation and translation of documents.

26. In this context, The Expert Group requested the Secretary to prepare elements of a possible draft Resolution for the consideration of the Governing Body at its Eighth Session, based on its work and incorporating the relevant recommendations and issues the Group had agreed on.

**Terms of reference for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights**

1. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights will:
  - i) Produce an 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;
  - ii) Based on the inventory, develop options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty.
2. In the development of its work, the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group may consider the proceedings from the Global Consultation on Farmers' Rights held in Bali, Indonesia, in 2016, as well as other relevant consultations.
3. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group will comprise up to five members designated by each FAO region, up to three representatives of farmer organizations, particularly from the centers of origin and crop diversity, and up to three other stakeholders, including the seed sector, designated by the Bureau of the Eighth Session of the Governing Body.
4. The Bureau of the Eighth Session of the Governing Body will appoint two Co-Chairs from the Contracting Parties of the International Treaty - one from a developing country and one from a developed country.
5. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group may hold up to two meetings in the biennium 2018-2019, subject to the availability of financial resources.
6. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group will report back to the Governing Body on its work for further consideration at the Eight Session of the Governing Body.
7. The Secretary will facilitate the process and assist the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group in its work.

**Template for collecting information on examples****Basic information**

- Title of measure/practice
- Date of submission
- Name(s) of country/countries in which the measure/practice is taking place
- Responsible institution/organization (name, address, website (if applicable), e-mail address, telephone number(s) and contact person)
- Type of institution/organization (categories)
- Collaborating/supporting institutions/organizations/actors, if applicable (name, address, website (if applicable), e-mail address, telephone number(s))

**Description of the examples****Mandatory information:<sup>3</sup>**

- Short summary to be put in the inventory (max. 200 words) including:
  - Implementing entity and partners
  - Start year
  - Objective(s)
  - Summary of core components
  - Key outcomes
  - Lessons learned (if applicable)
- Brief history (including starting year), as appropriate
- Core components of the measure/practice (max 200 words)
- Description of the context and the history of the measure/practice is taking place (political, legal and economic framework conditions for the measure/practice) (max 200 words)
- To which provision(s) of Article 9 of the International Treaty does this measure relate
  - Art. 9.1
  - Art. 9.2a
  - Art. 9.2b
  - Art. 9.2c
  - 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):

No.	Category	Most relevant <sup>4</sup>	Also relevant <sup>5</sup>
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		

<sup>3</sup> This mandatory information is required in order for the measure/practice to be included in the Inventory.

<sup>4</sup> Please select only one category that is most relevant, under which the measure will be listed.

<sup>5</sup> Please select one or several categories that may also be relevant (if applicable).

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		
6	Facilitation of farmers' access to a diversity of PGRFA through community seed banks <sup>6</sup> , seed networks and other measures improving farmers' choices of a wider diversity of PGRFA.		
7	Participatory approaches to research on PGRFA, including characterization and evaluation, participatory plant breeding and variety selection		
8	Farmers' participation in decision-making at local, national and sub-regional, regional and international levels		
9	Training, capacity development and public awareness creation		
10	Legal measures for the implementation of Farmers' Rights, such as legislative measures related to PGRFA.		
11	Other measures / practices		

- In case you selected 'other measures', would you like to suggest a description of this measure, e.g. as a possible new category?

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- Objective(s)
  - Target group(s) and numbers of involved and affected farmers<sup>7</sup>
  - Location(s) and geographical outreach
  - Resources used for implementation of the measure/practice
  - How has the measure/practice affected the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture?
  - Please describe the achievements of the measure/ practice so far (including quantification) (max 200 words)
  - Other national level instruments that are linked to the measure/practice
  - Are you aware of any other international agreements or programs that are relevant for this measure/practice?
  - Other issues you wish to address, that have not yet been covered, to describe the measure/practice

### Lessons learned

- Describe lessons learned which may be relevant for others who wish to do the same or similar measures/practices (max 250 words).
- What challenges encountered along the way (if applicable) (max 200 words)

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<sup>6</sup> Including seed houses.

<sup>7</sup> Any classification, e.g. of the types of farmer addressed, may be country-specific.

- What would you consider conditions for success, if others should seek to carry out such a measure or organize such an activity? (max 100 words)

**Further information**

- Link(s) to further information about the measure/practice

## Structure of the Inventory

Type				Title of measure/practice	Short description of measure/practice	Country/region	Link	Provision of Art. 9 addressed				
Technical	Administrative	Legal	Other					9.1	9.2a	9.2b	9.2.c	9.3
Category 1												
Category 2												
Category 3												

Etc.

## OUTLINE

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

#### **Introduction**

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

- How the document was developed – based on the inventory of measures
- Explanation of categories and how they are used in the document
- Definition of option and explaining that these are possibilities to choose from and to combine
- Guide to the document: Explanation of the organization of the document and that under the categories there will be several options.

#### **Template for introduction of each category:**

- Reference to relevant provision/s of Article 9 of the International Treaty
- Explaining why measures under this category can be regarded as options to encourage, guide and promote the realization of Farmers' Rights

#### **Template for information on each option:**

- Explaining what this option is about
- 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:**

#### **Option B:**

#### **Option C:**

(possibly more or less options)

#### **Category 2:**

**Financial contributions to support farmers' conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA such as contributions to benefit-sharing funds**

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**Option A:****Option B:****Option C:**

(possibly more or less options)

**Category 3:**

**Approaches to encourage income-generating activities to support farmers' conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA**

**Option A:****Option B:****Option C:**

(possibly more or less options)

**Category 4:**

**Catalogues, registries and other forms of documentation of PGRFA and protection of traditional knowledge**

**Option A:****Option B:****Option C:**

(possibly more or less options)

**Category 5:**

**In situ on-farm conservation and management of PGRFA, such as social and cultural measures, community biodiversity management and conservation sites**

**Option A:**

**Option B:****Option C:**

(possibly more or less options)

**Category 6:**

**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**

**Option A:****Option B:****Option C:**

(possibly more or less options)

**Category 7:**

**Participatory approaches to research on PGRFA, including characterization and evaluation, participatory plant breeding and variety selection**

**Option A:****Option B:****Option C:**

(possibly more or less options)

**Category 8:**

**Farmers' participation in decision-making at local, national and sub-regional, regional and international levels**

**Option A:****Option B:**

**Option C:**

(possibly more or less options)

**Category 9:  
Training, capacity development and public awareness creation****Option A:****Option B:****Option C:**

(possibly more or less options)

**Category 10:  
Legal measures for the implementation of Farmers' Rights, such as legislative measures related to PGRFA****Option A:****Option B:****Option C:**

(possibly more or less options)

**Category 11:  
Other measures / practices****Option A:****Option B:****Option C:**

(possibly more or less options)

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