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Dear Regional Coordinators,

As you will recall, at its Twelfth Regular Session in 2009, the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture agreed upon a timetable and process for reporting on progress in the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources*. The timetable allows for the preparation, at intervals of four years, of regional progress reports. These reports are intended to serve, *inter alia*, as inputs in the preparation of synthesis progress reports on the overall implementation of the *Global Plan of Action*. The first synthesis progress report will be prepared for review by the Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, currently scheduled for October 2012.

The objective of regional progress reports should be to “highlight collaborative efforts and indicate regional priorities for capacity building in relation to the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action*”.¹ As such, they should describe regional-level activities and priorities rather than summarize the national activities of countries within the region.

An electronic form for use in reporting is available at:

http://www-data.fao.org/ag/againfo/programmes/en/genetics/Reporting_system.html.

The form is structured according to the four Strategic Priority Areas of the *Global Plan of Action*. Strategic Priorities and individual actions that are particularly relevant to the regional level are listed within the form, but any other regional-level activities or priorities related to the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action* may also be included in the report under the relevant Strategic Priority Areas. Please note that the fields in form provide for 6000 characters (about 2 pages of text). Note also that the regional progress reports will be electronically published as provided.

Country progress reports that have been received by FAO will be made available to you as background information.

Regional progress reports should be submitted by Regional Coordinators via e-mail to DAD-IS@fao.org by **31 March 2012**.

Thank you very much, in advance, for your cooperation.

With kind regards,

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¹ CGRFA-12/09/Report. Appendix G