



Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

Confirmation/nomination of National Focal Points for the monitoring of the *Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* and the preparation of country reports for *The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has the honour to refer to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission) established in accordance with Article VI.1 of the Constitution of the Organization. The Commission is an intergovernmental forum for discussion and negotiation by Governments on matters related to biodiversity for food and agriculture.

The Commission, at its Fourteenth Regular Session (Rome, 15 -19 April 2013), adopted three targets for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture as well as indicators for monitoring the implementation of the *Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Second GPA) which was adopted by the FAO Council in December 2011. The Commission requested FAO to apply these indicators and create a Reporting Format for monitoring the implementation of the Second GPA and make this available to all countries. The Commission also endorsed a timeline for the preparation of *The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Third Report). It stressed that the preparation of the Third Report and the monitoring of the Second GPA should be fully integrated.

The Organization wishes to invite countries to confirm the existing or nominate a new **National Focal Point for PGRFA** who will lead the monitoring of the implementation of Second GPA at national level as well as the preparation of the Country Report for the Third Report. The name, official title, contact address, telephone and fax numbers as well as the e-mail address of the National Focal Point should be submitted no later than **31 October 2013** to the Secretariat of the Commission's Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (e-mail: ITWG-PGRFA@fao.org; fax: +39 06 570 53057).

The Reporting Format for monitoring the implementation of the Second GPA will be communicated to all National Focal Points as soon as it becomes available. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to its Members and their accredited Permanent Representations and Embassies the assurance of its highest consideration.

This communication is sent to Members of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture as prescribed in the official channels of communication of FAO, as follows:

For ACTION/INFORMATION, as appropriate:

- Main Addressees (Ministers for Foreign Affairs or Agriculture or other addressees selected by the Government);
- Permanent Representatives to FAO/Embassies.