



## Towards *The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture*

17 January 2015

10:00-13:00 hours, Iran room, FAO HQ, Rome, Italy

The preparation of the first Report on *The State of World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture*<sup>1</sup>, prepared at the request of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, is well under way. Countries, through national reports<sup>2</sup>, international organizations and other relevant stakeholders are preparing and sharing the information on which this assessment will be based.

The Report, to be presented to the Commission at its Sixteenth Session, aims to both describe the current state of biodiversity for food and agriculture<sup>3</sup> and assess the contribution it makes to food security and nutrition, livelihoods and environmental health as well as to the sustainability, resilience and adaptability of production systems.

The seminar aims to give Commission delegates, policy makers and experts the opportunity to 1) share experiences on the preparation of country reports contributing to *The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture*, and 2) contribute to the preparation of the first report on *The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture* by sharing information, methodologies, limitations and opportunities on:

- the state of conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for food security and nutrition, ecosystem services and sustainability;
- trends in the conservation and use of biodiversity for food and agriculture and in the effects of major drivers of change; and,
- ways in which conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for food and agriculture can be improved and how the contributions of biodiversity to food security and nutrition, ecosystem services, sustainability and livelihoods of farmers, pastoralists, forest dwellers and fisher folk can be enhanced.

Following the presentation of key results from countries who have prepared a report, participants will be given the opportunity, in a structured yet informal discussion, to share information from their country or region. In particular, participants will be invited to discuss the state, conservation, management and use of biodiversity for food and agriculture, to identify information gaps and to propose ways to address these gaps. Interventions will also be invited on the topic of future agendas for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for food and agriculture.

This discussion will allow participants to contribute to the preparation of *The State of the World's Biodiversity for food and Agriculture* report and to share knowledge and information in view of ensuring the sustainable use and management of biodiversity for food and agriculture.

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<sup>1</sup> For additional information: <http://www.fao.org/nr/cgrfa/biodiversity/sowbfa/en/>

<sup>2</sup> For additional information: <http://www.fao.org/nr/cgrfa/biodiversity/guidelines/en/>

<sup>3</sup> Plant, animal, forest and aquatic genetic resources, along with the diversity of micro-organisms, invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, birds, plants and mammals that are found in and around production systems and provide important ecosystem services.

## AGENDA

09:30        **Registration**

10:00-10:10    **Introduction**

Ms Linda Collette, Secretary of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Mr Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity

### **Part 1: National Reports contributing to *The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture***

10:10-10:25    **The State of Switzerland's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture**

Dr Eric Wiedmer, Federal Office for Agriculture, International Sustainable Agriculture Unit, Switzerland

10:25-10:40    **The State of Vietnam's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture**

Dr Vu Dang Toan, Head of International Collaboration and Scientific Planning Department, Plant Resource Research Center, Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Vietnam

10:40-11:10    **Questions and discussion on the preparation of National Reports**

### **Part 2: The preparation of *The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture* report**

11:10-12:55    **General discussion on content and on possible key messages - by chapter**

Chapter 1: Biodiversity for food and agriculture: scope and availability of information

Chapter 2: Drivers of change that impact the extent and availability of biodiversity for food and agriculture and their effects

Chapter 3: State and trends of biodiversity for food and agriculture, and state of of conservation actions that target biodiversity for food and agriculture

Chapter 4: The state of use of biodiversity for food and agriculture for improving productivity and sustainable intensification, ecosystem services, food security and nutrition, reducing rural poverty, and enhancing sustainability and resilience

Chapter 5: Interventions to support the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for food and agriculture

Chapter 6: Plans and priorities for securing and improving the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for food and agriculture

12:55-13:00    **Closing remarks**

Secretariat of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture