



**Invitation to submit an International Organization Progress Report
for the preparation of the
*Third Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture***

Reply by 15 July 2024

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) 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.

In September 2007, the international community adopted the [Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources](#) (Global Plan of Action), the first global framework for combating the erosion of animal genetic diversity and managing animal genetic resources for food and agriculture in a wise and sustainable manner.

The Commission oversees the implementation of the Global Plan of Action and has agreed upon a schedule for reporting on progress. The reporting schedule requires, *inter alia*, the preparation by FAO of periodic reports on the contributions that international organizations are making to the implementation of the Global Plan of Action. The first [Progress Report of International Organizations on the Implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources](#) was presented to the Commission at its Thirteenth Regular Session in 2011. A [Second Report](#) was presented to the Commission's Fourteenth Regular Session in 2013. A third round of reporting contributed to the preparation of [The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture](#) in 2015. [Results](#) from a fourth round of reporting were presented to the Commission's Eighteenth Regular Session in 2021. The Organization expresses its gratitude to those organizations that reported in the past.

At its Nineteenth Regular Session, held in July 2023, the Commission reviewed and endorsed the outline, process, and timeline for the preparation of *The Third Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Third Report). The Commission invited countries, regional focal points and networks, and international organizations to initiate the collection of information and data for the completion of the country questionnaires required for the preparation of the Third Report.

The Organization wishes to invite international organizations to report on any activities, programmes or projects undertaken or supported by the organization itself that contribute to the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for inclusion in the Third Report. Besides assessing progress, the objectives of the reporting process are to get an overview of the involvement of international organizations in the area of animal genetic resources management, to analyse the state of their capacities at global level and to assess their contribution to the implementation of the Global Plan of Action. Therefore, international organizations are kindly requested to provide information on institutional, human and financial capacities to support activities related to the management of animal genetic resources. The reports may cover activities, programmes and projects related to the four Strategic Priority Areas of the Global Plan of Action:

- Strategic Priority Area 1: Characterization, Inventory and Monitoring of Trends and Associated Risks;
- Strategic Priority Area 2: Sustainable Use and Development;
- Strategic Priority Area 3: Conservation;
- Strategic Priority Area 4: Policies, Institutions and Capacity-Building.

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To facilitate the reporting process and subsequent analysis, a standardized questionnaire has been prepared. The international organizations are kindly invited to insert their responses directly into the questionnaire available at: <https://www.fao.org/animal-genetics/global-policy/reporting-system/reporting-processes/en/>; instructions for the questionnaire can be downloaded from the aforementioned website. Both the questionnaire and instructions are also enclosed within.

Alternatively, a fully electronic version of the questionnaire (in English only) can be accessed at the link: <https://form.jotform.com/240443552552351>.

In completing the questionnaire, it would be appreciated if particular attention is focused on the period since the adoption of the *Global Plan of Action* in 2007.

If an organization has already compiled, independently of the FAO questionnaire, any other report that contains relevant information regarding the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action*, submission of this document is also welcomed. Such reports and any related questions should be sent to paul.boettcher@fao.org.

It would be appreciated if the completed questionnaire and any supplementary material could be submitted not later than **15 July 2024**.