



**Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations**



The International Treaty
**ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda

SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Kigali, Rwanda, 30 October – 3 November 2017

List of Observers

1. As established under Article 19.5 of the Treaty, any “*body or agency, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, which has informed the Secretary of the Treaty of its wish to be represented as an observer at a session of the Governing Body, may be admitted unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present object*”.
2. The Rules of Procedure adopted by the Governing Body at its First Session in June 2006, state that “*such observers may, upon invitation of the Chairperson, participate without the right to vote in sessions of the Governing Body on matters of direct concern to the body or agency they represent unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present at the session object*”¹. The Rules of Procedure further foresee that “*before the opening of a session of the Governing Body the Secretary will circulate a list of observers who have requested approval to be represented at the session*”².
3. The following bodies and agencies have requested approval to be represented at the Seventh Session of the Governing Body of the Treaty:
 - 1) Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group)
 - 2) Africa Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative
 - 3) African Centre for Biodiversity
 - 4) African Seed Trade Association
 - 5) Africa Seeds
 - 6) Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA)
 - 7) Arizona State University
 - 8) Asociación para la Naturaleza y el Desarrollo Sostenible (ANDES)

¹ IT/GB-1/06/Report, *Appendix D*, Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, Rule VII.2.

² IT/GB-1/06/Report, *Appendix D*, Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, Rule VII.4.

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- 9) Association de Réflexion d'échanges et d'actions pour l'Environnement et le Développement (AREA-ED)
- 10) Association Sénégalaise de Producteurs de Semences Paysannes
- 11) Biodiversity: Exchange and Dissemination of Experiences
- 12) Bread for the World
- 13) China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (CBCGDF)
- 14) Community Technology Development Trust
- 15) ETHIO-Organic Seed Action (EOSA)
- 16) European Seed
- 17) European Seed Association
- 18) Fédération des unions des coopératives de riz au Rwanda (FUCORIRWA)
- 19) French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD)
- 20) Fridtjof Nansen Institute
- 21) Genome Prairie
- 22) Global EcoLomics
- 23) Greenpeace International
- 24) INADES Formation Rwanda
- 25) Indian National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (ICAR)
- 26) International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
- 27) International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC)
- 28) International Seed Federation (ISF)
- 29) Quaker United Nations Office (Quono)
- 30) La Via Campesina
- 31) Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD)
- 32) Nordic Genetic Resource Centre
- 33) North Carolina State University
- 34) Oxfam Novib
- 35) Peace Seeds
- 36) Rwanda Agriculture Board
- 37) Ryukoku University
- 38) South Center
- 39) Southeast Asian Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE)
- 40) Synergie Paysanne in Benin
- 41) The Development Fund (DF)
- 42) Third World Network
- 43) University of Antwerp
- 44) University of Rwanda
- 45) University of Tsukuba
- 46) Verein Arche Noah