



Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

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 Sixteenth Regular Session (Rome, 30 January – 3 February 2017) endorsed a revised timeline for the preparation of *The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Third Report) and decided that it be presented to its Nineteenth Regular Session that will be held in 2023.

In this regard, and further to Circular State Letter dated 18 June 2019 (ref. [C/CBD-10](#)), Commission Member Countries and other Countries are reminded to contribute to the preparation of the Third Report. More specifically, Countries are invited to:

- (1) **Nominate a National Focal Point for Plant Genetic Resources**, if they have not yet done so. The National Focal Point should be tasked with the coordination of the country report. Name, official title and address, including telephone, fax numbers and e-mail address of the National Focal Point should be communicated to: views@fao.org;
- (2) **Report by 31 December 2020** on the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Second GPA); the reporting period spans from 1 July 2014 to 31 December 2019; and
- (3) **Provide by 31 December 2020 a summative narrative** of the progress made in the implementation of the Second GPA since 1 January 2012 and of the remaining gaps and constraints identified.

Country reports should be submitted by National Focal Points through the Reporting Tool of the World Information and Early Warning System on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (WIEWS), which can be accessed on the FAO website at www.fao.org/pgrfa. The WIEWS Reporting Tool has been adapted to reflect the revised list of indicators and includes new sections for the summative narratives, as agreed by the Commission at its last session.

Country submissions may be made in any of the UN languages, preferably in English, French or Spanish.

Guidelines to assist country reporting and the user manual for the WIEWS Reporting Tool have been made available on the aforementioned webpage.

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