



**INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**HELPDESK WORKSHOP FOR THE PARTNERS OF THE FOURTH CALL FOR
PROPOSALS OF THE BENEFIT-SHARING FUND**

Rome, Italy, 22-26 October 2018

REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

1. The Bureau of the Eighth Session of the Governing Body approved, in July 2018, a portfolio of 20 pre-proposals to be invited to develop full project proposals that will be funded in the Fourth Call for Proposals (CFP-4) of the Benefit-sharing Fund (BSF). The Bureau based its decision on the outcome of the work done by the Independent Panel of Experts and the methodology for the approval of project proposals that has been prepared by the Secretariat. The list of approved projects is available in Appendix 1 to this document.
2. According to the *Operational Procedures for the use of resources under the direct control of the Governing Body*, a Helpdesk was established to provide support, guidance and technical assistance to the BSF applicants throughout each Call for Proposals.
3. The Secretariat organized a one week Helpdesk Workshop from 22 to 26 October 2018 to support CFP-4 applicants in the development of their full project proposals. The workshop took place at FAO Headquarters in Rome. The list of participants is included in Appendix 2 to this document. The programme of the workshop is available in Appendix 3 to this document.
4. During the Helpdesk Workshop, for the first time since BSF has been established, 20 successful partners from around the world worked together under a programmatic approach to strengthen their full project proposals, and establish linkages between selected projects and across regions. The aim was to work in an inclusive, collaborative and participatory manner towards a collective understanding of the CFP-4 programme as to maximize impact beyond individual projects and contribute to the scaling up and sustainability of funded interventions.
5. A press release in relation to the Helpdesk Workshop has been prepared and is available in 4 languages on the Treaty web site at: <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/news/news-detail/en/c/1162875/>. Interviews to project participants have been made and will soon be published on the Treaty website. Some photos taken during the workshop are available in Appendix 4 to this document.

2. HELPDESK WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

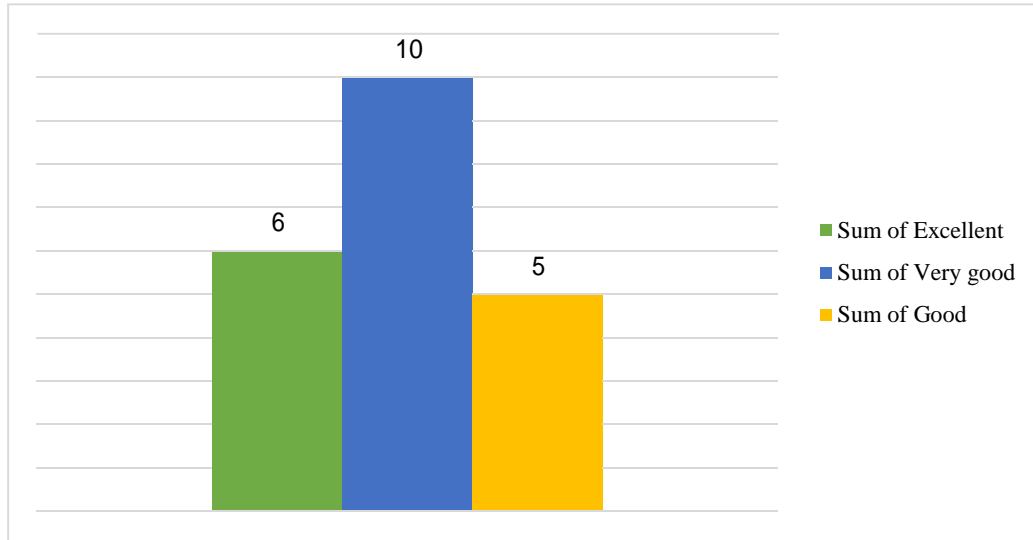
6. The CFP-4 will fund 20 projects¹, both single country and multi-country, that will be implemented around the world by National Research Institutes, Governments, NGOs, CGIARs and Universities.
7. The objective of the Helpdesk Workshop was to equip the participants with a common understanding on what is the CFP-4 programmatic approach, its linkages with the relevant Treaty mechanisms as well as to provide support, guidance and coaching to the successful applicants of the CFP-4 in the development of their full project proposals.
8. The programme of the Helpdesk Workshop tackled a wide range of topics related to agrobiodiversity: conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA, access and benefit-sharing, as well as cross cutting issues such as enabling policy environment, inclusiveness, gender mainstreaming and visibility.
9. During the workshop, representatives of the successful applicant institutions received guidance and explanation of the type and quality of the information that it is expected to be provided in the full proposals. The Secretariat undertook individual coaching to each participant on improvements to be done to the full project proposal, including through providing the feedback of the appraisal of the draft full project proposals carried out by the Independent Panel of Experts.
10. Many of the workshop participants had not been involved in the Treaty implementation in the past. The workshop provided an opportunity to train a new generation of PGRFA researchers and experts in the development and use of the main operational mechanisms of the Treaty, such as: Benefit-sharing Fund, the Multilateral System and its enhancement process, the Funding Strategy, Farmers' Rights and Global Information System.
11. The workshop was interactive and participatory, enabled discussion and exchange of information and knowledge among the participants, the Secretariat of the International Treaty, FAO officers and from donors to the Benefit-sharing Fund such as the Governments of Norway and Switzerland. The workshop created an enabling environment for BSF-4 participants to understand how their approved proposal would contribute to the realization of the CFP-4 programme. It created opportunities for networking and broadening of partnerships between representatives of 20 different institutions, as well as enabled synergies between and within different project proposals. Participants were grouped by regions and worked together as to get familiar with the type of activities that will be implemented in their respective regions and elaborated upon a regional Logical Framework. This exercise enabled the participants to review and further analyse the effectiveness and feasibility of their planned targets as well as further refine their respective methodologies and partnership arrangements.
12. The workshop took place in the form of presentations, group works, open discussions and individual coaching. Interpretation has been provided in English, French and Spanish. All presentations as well as the technical proposals have been made available to all the participants.
13. The workshop set the scene for further consultations within communities, governments and other PGRFA stakeholders. Lessons learnt and suggestions on how to further improve the workshop and how to better streamline its contents have also been received and recorded by the Secretariat.

3. COMPILATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE WORKSHOP EVALUATION

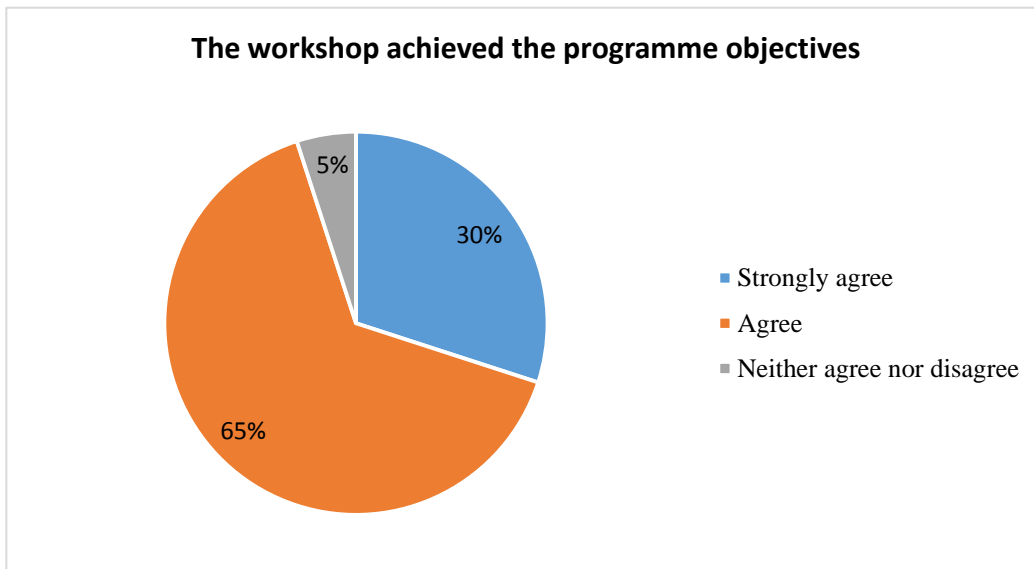
¹ Please note that the number of participants was more than 20 as there were institutions represented by more than one participant. This is reflected in the statistics in Section 3.

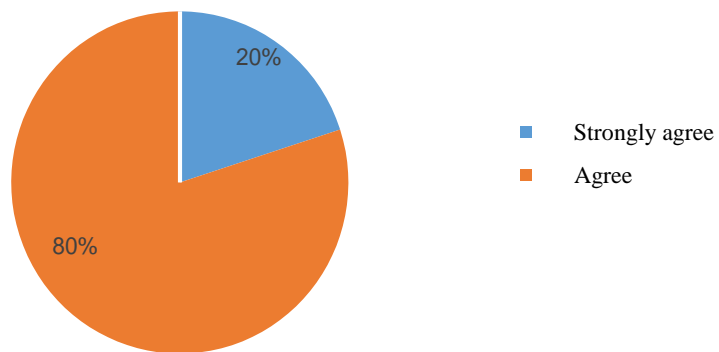
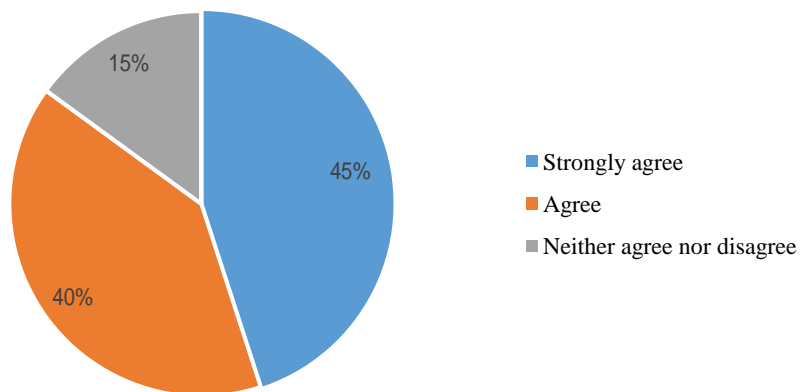
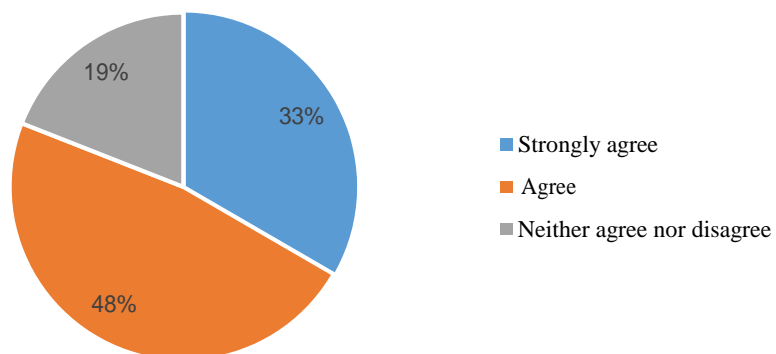
14. At the end of the workshop, participants have been asked to fill in an anonymous *Evaluation Form* as to assess the overall quality of the workshop as well as the usefulness of the information acquired, the facilitators' skills, suggestions for further improvement and whether the workshop had met participants' expectations and needs. Below are the aggregated outcomes of the evaluation.

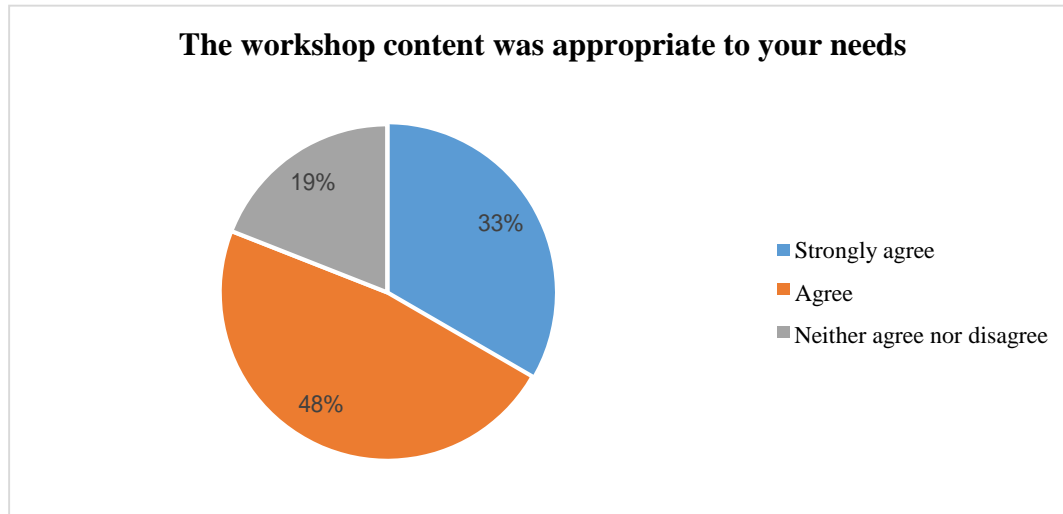
1. What is your overall assessment of the workshop?



2. To what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements:



The workshop content was relevant**The workshop content was easy to understand****The workshop content was cohesive and logical**



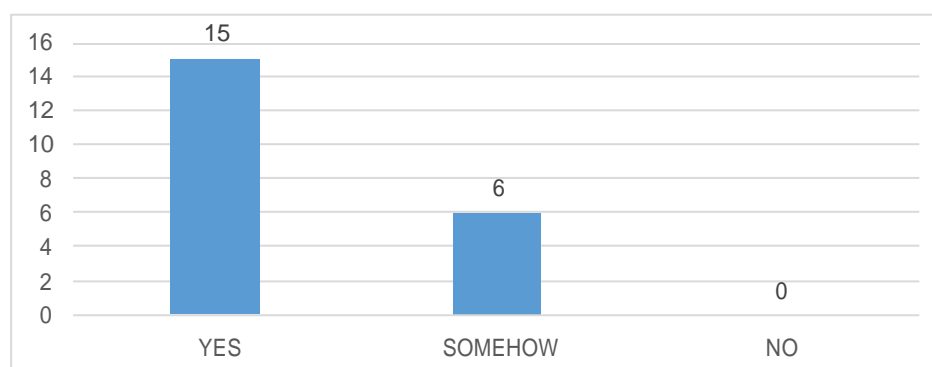
3. How would you rate your knowledge gained during the workshop on the following areas?

Areas	Number of preferences			
	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
The International Treaty on PGRFA, and the BSF programme in particular			15	6
Enhancing equity and inclusion in project implementation (gender, youth, elderly, indigenous people)		2	13	6
Enhancing communication and visibility during project implementation		1	13	7
Possibilities for partnerships and joint activities with other projects funded by the BSF		5	14	2
Importance of influencing policy making at national level	2	3	13	3
PGRFA information management and Global Information system		3	14	4
Inclusion of material in MLS		5	13	3
Documentation for the submission and preparation of Letters of Agreement			16	5

4. Which topics or aspects of the workshop did you find most interesting or useful?

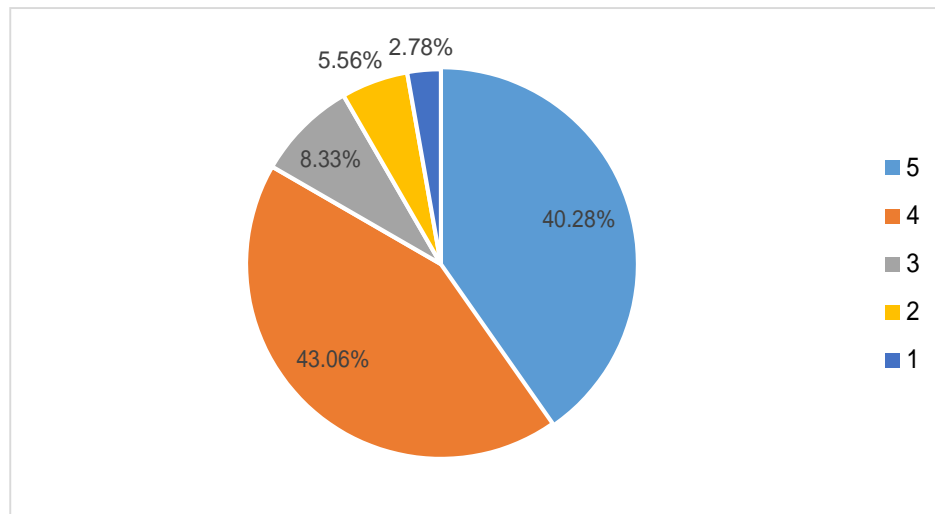
Areas	Number of preferences
Equity and inclusion	9
Communication and visibility	9
Community seed banks	5
Knowing about other projects and partners	5
Regional group work	4
Inclusion of material in the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing	3
Farmers rights	3
Group discussion and individual discussion	2
Global Information System	2
Partnerships	2
Logical framework	2
DOI	1
Associating community leader	1
PGRFA management	1
Opportunity for direct communication with donors	1
Target beneficiaries	1
From the field to the market: How BSF is linking diversity to markets	1
4th Call documentation	1
Compiling targets at programmatic level	1

5. Did the knowledge and information gained from participation at this workshop meet your expectations?



6. To what extent the knowledge and information gained from participation at this workshop will be useful in the development of the full project proposal?

Please give a rate from 5 - very useful- to 1 - not at all



7. How could this workshop be improved?

- Deliver the workshop prior to the submission of full project proposals;
- Provide feedback from the Panel of Experts on individual project proposals well in advance of the workshop;
- Provide for more group work and guidance on the improvement of specific aspects of the project proposals;
- Allocate more time to individual coaching;
- Provide an overview, including summaries and presentations, on all the projects approved for funding in the Call for Proposals;

8. We will organize a mid-term workshop related to CFP 4 programme, what would be your suggestions with regard to the approach, programme and topics to be addressed?

- Deliver presentations and summaries of achievements for all the projects of the CFP 4 portfolio;
- Develop the programme of the workshop jointly with the CFP 4 partners;
- Share lessons learnt, best practices and success stories achieved in the midterm phase of implementation during the workshop;
- Cluster the projects along thematic issues/areas and present results accordingly;
- Discuss the main risks and challenges faced for an efficient and timely implementation of the projects and share the coping strategies put in place to overcome these challenges;
- Ensure and enable that relevant knowledge and information are adequately shared among the CFP 4 partners;

- Enable more group work/interactive discussions and exchange of experiences;
- Provide more technical assistance, information and practical examples on how to implement Framer's Rights provisions, how to assign DOIs, contribute to enhancement of MLS and contribute to other Treaty mechanisms.

9. Any other comments?

- Thanks for all your efforts, excellent job. The workshop was informative and useful;
- Through this workshop, we developed a strong understanding about BSF and Treaty mechanisms, we became more familiar with the concepts of community seed banks, gender, communication and visibility, partnerships, markets etc.;
- Information gained will help us better develop and implement our projects;
- The workshop was inspiring and informative in relation to BSF and implementation of the ITPGRFA;
- It would be interesting to have farmers in the panel to talk about farmers' rights;
- It would be very helpful if the Secretariat establishes a platform for communication between CFP 4 partners.

4. FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES

15. After the workshop, the CFP -4 partners have engaged in the development of their full project proposals as to incorporate the guidelines and the training received during the meeting. The deadline for the submission of the full project proposals was 30 November 2018. To date, all the full project proposals, including the relevant Annexes, have been received and filed by the Secretariat. In addition, the Secretariat has shared the final full project proposals with the members of the Independent Panel of Experts.

16. The Secretariat has prepared draft contractual agreements (Letters of Agreement) to be shared with the CFP -4 partners for comments and has started preparing all the necessary documentation to enable the Quality Assurance and Clearance process by the FAO Contracts Unit. Considering that the CFP- 4 projects are highly dependent on the seasonality of field activities, the Secretariat has grouped the approved projects in 3 batches. The preparation and clearance of project agreements will follow these batches, with top priority contracts already being prepared and signed. This will enable partners to follow their workplans and be able to deliver the planned targets within the established timeframe. Upon the signature of the contracts with CFP- 4 partners, first disbursements will be processed and projects will start their implementation.

17. The workshop has been an excellent opportunity to share views, ideas, and experiences among a wide range of stakeholders. The Secretariat will incorporate lessons learnt from the workshop and will build upon the ideas and concepts that have emerged during the meeting in preparing the BSF workplan, in the further development of the programmatic approach of the BSF and the on-going review of the Funding Strategy. Further work will be undertaken by both, CFP-4 partners and the Secretariat, as well as other relevant constituencies to:

- develop the aggregated Logical framework of the CFP – 4 programme;
- continue to support partners in mainstreaming the gender dimension in project activities;
- develop and share with BSF partners a communication toolkit to further enhance the visibility of the CFP – 4 portfolio as to better communicate impact, results and best practices, in line with the recommendations of the Independent Evaluation of the second project cycle portfolio and the recommendations of the European Commission' s *Results Oriented Monitoring* mission for BSF;

- individuate and build synergies and complementarities between BSF funded projects (both on-going CFP 3 and CFP 4);
- enhance efforts to mobilize resources for the projects that obtained a certificate of excellence from the independent Panel of Experts;
- link the CFP 4 programme to broader initiatives and programmes on agrobiodiversity and implementation of Treaty provisions as such;
- organize a midterm workshop to bring together BSF partners (both BSF 3 and BSF 4) along with relevant PGRFA practitioners to share experiences, achievements, methodologies, successful models and best practices and further elaborate on the BSF programmatic approach.

18. In addition, the Secretariat will develop a web tool/platform for bringing together all CFP-4 partners as well as BSF constituencies to better communicate results, good practices and lessons learnt from the implementation of BSF projects and implementation of the International Treaty. This web tool will facilitate exchange of information between CFP -4 partners and PGRFA stakeholders, will enable the sharing knowledge and success stories and contribute towards the establishment of a community of good practices. It will also contribute towards building synergies and complementarities between projects and across regions.

Appendix 1: List of approved projects

Appendix 2: List of Participants

Appendix 3: Workshop programme

Appendix 4: Photos



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Appendix 1




FOURTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS OF THE BENEFIT-SHARING FUND




LIST OF APPROVED PROJECTS


ID number	Title	Country of submission	Organization	Targeted countries	Crops addressed
AFRICA					
PR-191	National Community Seed Bank Platform for Strengthening Informal Seed System in Ethiopia	Ethiopia	Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute	Ethiopia	Wheat (Triticum aestivum, T. durum,), Barely (Hordeum vulgare), Sorghum (Sorghumbicolor), Fingermillet (Eleusine africana), Oat (Avena abyssinica), Faba bean (Vicia faba), Chickpea (Cicer arietinum), Field pea (Pisum sativum), Grass pea (Lathyrus sativus), Lepidium (Lepidium sativum)
PR-231	Harnessing dryland legume and cereals genetic resource for food and nutrition security and resilient farming systems in Malawi and Zambia	Malawi	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics	Malawi and Zambia	Groundnut, pigeon pea, sorghum and millet
PR-115	Des portefeuilles variétaux pour une meilleure résilience des communautés du Sahel (PV-RCS)	Burkina Faso	Commission Nationale de Gestion des Ressources Phytogénétiques (CONAGREP) du Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger	Mil (Pennisetum glaucum), Sorgho (Sorghumbicolor), Niébé (Vigna unguiculata) et Voandzou (Voandzou subterranea)
PR-316	Exploring wide crosses derived crop biodiversity (sorghum x maize) for climate resilience and food and nutrition security in Eastern and Southern Africa	Uganda	National Livestock Resources Research Institute (NaLIRRI)	Uganda and Zimbabwe	Sorghum (Sorghum bicolor); Pearl millet (Pennisetum glaucum)
PR-193	Mise à la disposition des producteurs des variétés performantes de riz tolérantes à la sécheresse et adaptées aux systèmes de riziculture pluviale : pluvial strict, bas-fond, submersion contrôlée	Mali	Institut d'Economie Rurale, Centre Régional de Recherche Agronomique de Sikasso (CRRA)	Mali	riz
PR-142	Evaluation of Berseem clover (Trifolium alexandrinum L.) genetic resources under different ecosystems using traditional and genomic approaches.	Egypt	Agricultural Genetic Engineering Research Institute (AGERI), ARC, Egypt	Egypt	Trifolium alexandrinum L.
PR-7	Improving Livelihoods of Smallholder Farmers Through Increased Bean Productivity, Production and Income in Zambia.	Zambia	Zambia Agriculture Research Institute	Zambia	<i>Dry Beans (Phaseolus vulgaris)</i>
GRULAC					
PR-268	Fortalecimiento de las comunidades indígenas de Cotacachi –Ecuador en la conservación y uso de RFAA como mecanismo para la distribución justa y equitativa de los beneficios	Ecuador	Unión de Organizaciones Campesinas e Indígenas de Cotacachi - UNORCAC	Ecuador	maíz, papa, fréjol
PR-97	Fortaleciendo la resiliencia comunitaria en dos Reservas de la Biosfera de Cuba mediante el uso eficiente de los recursos fitogenéticos: maíz y frijol	Cuba	Instituto de Investigaciones Fundamentales en Agricultura Tropical "Alejandro de Humboldt" (INIFAT)	Cuba	maíz (Zeamays L.), frijol común (Phaseolus vulgaris L.) y frijol caballero (Phaseolus lunatus L.)
PR-154	Conservación y uso sostenible de los recursos fitogenéticos locales para la alimentación y la agricultura (RFAA) para contribuir a la seguridad alimentaria de los pequeños agricultores de Argentina	Argentina	Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria	Argentina	maíz, papa y poroto

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PR-177	Articulación nacional para la gobernanza y gestión colectiva de la diversidad genética y sus conocimientos asociados en la Agricultura Familiar y Campesina del Uruguay	Uruguay	Red Nacional de Semillas Nativas y Criollas; Red de Agroecología del Uruguay; Comisión Nacional de Fomento Rural	Uruguay	Maní (Arachis hypogaea), Porotos (Phaseolus vulgaris), Poroto caupi (Vigna unguiculata), Maíz (Zea mays), Zapallos (Cucurbita sp), Chicharo (Lathyrus sativus), Arveja (Pisum sativus), Habas (Vicia faba); Manzano (Malus domestica), Pera (Pyrus sp.), Duraznero (Prunus persica); Guayabo (Acca sellowiana), Arazá (Psidium cattleianum); Lotus (Lotus sp.), Festuca (Festuca arundinacea), Soja (Glycine max), Trigo Sarraceno (Fagopyrum esculentum), Trigo (Triticum aestivum), Sorgo blanco (Sorghum sp)
ASIA					
PR-77	Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of the underutilized Taro to Increase Food Security and Livelihood of Marginalized Communities Faced with Climate Change	Malaysia	Malaysia Agriculture Research and Development Institute (MARDI)	Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and Fiji	Taro collections (Colocasia esculenta)
PR-294	Improving pulse biodiversity in rice fallow areas of tribal belts of Central and East Indian states to bring resilience in the farming practice, provide livelihood support and enhance nutritional level of the tribal population	India	PAIRVI (Public Policy Initiatives for Rights and Values in India)	India	Pulses and oil seeds
PR-80	Participatory On-Farm Conservation, Sustainable Use and Management of Neglected and Underutilized Crop Species (NUS) for Livelihood and adaptation to Climate Change	Bhutan	National Biodiversity Centre, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests	Bhutan	Neglected and Underutilized Crop Species (NUS); Millets (Foxtail millets, Common/Little Millets and Finger millets)
EUROPE					
PR-166	Redesigning the exploitation of small grains genetic resources towards increased sustainability of grain-value chain and improved farmers' livelihoods in Serbia and Bulgaria - GRAINEFIT	Serbia	Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops	Serbia and Bulgaria	wheat, barley, rye, oat
PR-2	Identification, evaluation and genetic improvement of some local crop varieties to face with impact of climate change, increase the productivity, food security and on-farm incomes, for poor farmers in remote mountainous areas in Albania	Albania	Agricultural University of Tirana	Albania	maize, bean
NEAR EAST					
PR-296	Participatory conservation and sustainable use of local landraces to improve the livelihood and the resilience of farmers to climate change in Yemen	Yemen	Agriculture Research and Extension Authority.	Yemen	Sorghum, maize, millet, wheat, barley, lentil, beans, pea and cowpea
PR-59	Strengthening national capacities and regional integration for efficient conservation of plant genetic resources in a post-conflict region	Lebanon	International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)	Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Palestine	Barley, wheat, lentil, chickpea and faba bean
SWP					
PR-152	In situ Conservation and Utilization of Sweetpotato (Ipomoea batatas) and Taro (Colocasia esculenta) for Climate Smart Agriculture Vulnerable Farmers in Papua New Guinea	Papua New Guinea	National Agricultural Research Institute	Papua New Guinea	Sweetpotato and Taro
PR-363	Safeguarding threatened coconut diversity within the upgraded International Coconut Genebank for the South Pacific	Fiji	The Pacific Community (SPC), Suva, Fiji	Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa	Coconut



List of participants

AFRICA				
ID/ COUNTRY	NAME	ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	EMAIL
PR-115 BURKINAFASO	 Sougalo SOULAMA	Commission Nationale de Gestion des Ressources Phytogénétiques (CONAGREP)	Des portefeuilles variétaux pour une meilleure résilience des communautés du Sahel (PV-RCS)	soulsoung@yahoo.fr
PR-142 EGYPT	 Dina EL-KHISHIN	Agricultural Genetic Engineering Research Institute (AGERI)	Evaluation of Berseem clover (<i>Trifolium alexandrinum</i> L.) genetic resources under different ecosystems using traditional and genomic approaches	dina_elkhishin@yahoo.com
PR-191 ETHIOPIA	 Tamene YOHANNES	Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute	National Community Seed Bank Platform for Strengthening Informal Seed System in Ethiopia	tameneyohannes@gmail.com

<p>PR-231 MALAWI</p>	 <p>James MWOLOLO</p>	<p>International Crops Research Institute for the Semi- Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)</p>	<p>Harnessing dryland legume and cereals genetic resource for food and nutrition security and resilient farming systems in Malawi and Zambia</p>	<p>J.Mwololo@cgiar.org</p>
<p>PR-193 MALI</p>	 <p>Fousseyni CISSE</p>	<p>Institut d'Economie Rurale</p>	<p>Mise à la disposition des producteurs des variétés performantes de riz tolérantes à la sécheresse et adaptées aux systèmes de riziculture pluviale: pluvial strict, bas-fond, submersion contrôlée</p>	<p>fousscisse@yahoo.fr</p>
<p>PR 316 UGANDA</p>	 <p>Alexander BOMBOM</p>	<p>National Livestock Resources Research Institute</p>	<p>Exploring wide crosses derived crop biodiversity (sorghum x maize) for climate resilience and food and nutrition security in Eastern and Southern Africa</p>	<p>alexander.bombom@gmail.com</p>

PR-7 ZAMBIA	 <p>Kennedy Katazo MUIMUI</p>	Zambia Agriculture Research Institute	Improving Livelihoods of Smallholder Farmers Through Increased Bean Productivity, Production and Income in Zambia	kmuimui04@yahoo.co.uk
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PR-80 BHUTAN	 <p>Rinchen DORJI</p>	National Biodiversity Centre, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests	Participatory On-Farm Conservation, Sustainable Use and Management of Neglected and Underutilized Crop Species (NUS) for Livelihood and adaptation to Climate Change	rinchend2003@gmail.com
PR-294 INDIA	 <p>Chetna JOSHI</p>	Public Advocacy Initiatives for Rights and Values in India (PAIRVI)	Improving pulse biodiversity in rice fallow areas of tribal belts of Central and East Indian states to bring resilience in the farming practice, provide livelihood support and enhance nutritional level of the tribal population	chetna_iitd@yahoo.com

PR-77 MALAYSIA



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Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of
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Security and Livelihood of Marginalized
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EUROPE



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PR-2 ALBANIA	 <p style="text-align: center;">Ndoc FASLIA</p>	Agricultural University of Tirana	Identification, evaluation and genetic improvement of some local crop varieties to face with impact of climate change, increase the productivity, food security and on- farm incomes, for poor farmers in remote mountainous areas in Albania	ndocf@icc-al.org
PR-166 SERBIA	 <p style="text-align: center;">Sanja MIKIC</p>	Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops	Redesigning the exploitation of small grains genetic resources towards increased sustainability of grain-value chain and improved farmers' livelihoods in Serbia and Bulgaria - GRAINEFIT	sanja.mikich@gmail.com

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PR-154 ARGENTINA	 Mariana FERREYRA	Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria	Conservación y uso sostenible de los recursos fitogenéticos locales para la alimentación y la agricultura (RFAA) para contribuir a la seguridad alimentaria de los pequeños agricultores de Argentina	ferreyra.mariana@inta.gob.ar
PR-97 CUBA	 Victoria I. M. FORMENTAL	Instituto de Investigaciones Fundamentales en Agricultura Tropical (INIFAT)	Fortaleciendo la resiliencia comunitaria en dos Reservas de la Biosfera de Cuba mediante el uso eficiente de los recursos fitogenéticos: maíz y frijol	genetica9@inifat.co.cu
PR-268 ECUADOR	 Hugo F. CARRERA RUEDA	Unión de Organizaciones Campesinas e Indígenas de Cotacachi - UNORCAC	Fortalecimiento de las comunidades indígenas de Cotacachi – Ecuador en la conservación y uso de RFAA como mecanismo para la distribución justa y equitativa de los beneficios	hcarrera63@yahoo.es


PR-177 URUGUAY	 <p data-bbox="488 496 665 523">Eduardo DIZ</p>	Red de Agroecología del Uruguay	Articulación nacional para la gobernanza y gestión colectiva de la diversidad genética y sus conocimientos asociados en la Agricultura Familiar y Campesina del Uruguay	dizedu72@gmail.com
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PR-59 LEBANON	 <p data-bbox="461 1031 696 1058">Mariana YAZBEK</p>	International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)	Strengthening national capacities and regional integration for efficient conservation of plant genetic resources in a post-conflict region	M.Yazbek@cgiar.org
PR-296 YEMEN	 <p data-bbox="416 1382 741 1409">Maeen Ali A. ALJARMOUZI</p>	Agriculture Research and Extension Authority	Participatory conservation and sustainable use of local landraces to improve the livelihood and the resilience of farmers to climate change in Yemen	maeen669@gmail.com

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PR-363 FIJI	 Amit SUKAL	The Pacific Community (SPC)	Safeguarding threatened coconut diversity within the upgraded International Coconut Genebank for the South Pacific	amits@spc.int
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PR-152 PAPUA NEW GUINEA	 <p data-bbox="434 475 741 501">Birte NASS-KOMOLONG</p>	National Agricultural Research Institute	In situ Conservation and Utilization of Sweetpotato (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>) and Taro (<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>) for Climate Smart Agriculture Vulnerable Farmers in Papua New Guinea	birte.komolong@nari.org.pg
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Fourth Call for Proposals of the Benefit-sharing Fund of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

Workshop

22-26 October 2018

FAO Headquarters

Monday 22 October

Iraq room

Time	Session	
09:30 – 10.00	Coffee	
10.00-10.15	Welcome and presentation of the agenda	Kent Nnadozie, Secretary of the International Treaty Bert Visser (Facilitator)
10.15-10.45	Getting to know each other (1): brief presentation by each participant	
10.45– 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ General overview of the Benefit-sharing Fund: Where we are and what is next ➤ Update on the work undertaken by the Independent Panel of Experts 	Álvaro Toledo & Rodica Leahu, Secretariat of the International Treaty, Patrick Kasasa (CTDT)
11.30-12.30	Getting to know each other (2): introducing projects at regional level	
12.30-13.00	Plenary discussion	
Lunch		
14.00 – 14.45	On-farm conservation of diversity through the Benefit-sharing Fund: experiences from the field: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National Community Seed Bank Platform for Strengthening Informal Seed System in Ethiopia ➤ Participatory <i>On-Farm</i> Conservation, Sustainable Use and Management of Neglected and Underutilized Crop Species (NUS) for Livelihood and adaptation to Climate Change. 	Tamene Yohannes (Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute) Rinchen Dorji (National Biodiversity Centre, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests)
14.45-15.15	Group discussion	
15.15-16.00	Using diversity for climate change adaptation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Policies and practices to facilitate the implementation of developed Strategic 	Patrick Kasasa (CTDT)

	<p>Action Plans for Plant Genetic Resources conservation and use for the improvement of food and nutrition security under changing climatic conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Safeguarding threatened coconut diversity within the upgraded International Coconut Genebank for the South Pacific 	<p>Amit Sukal, SPC Vincent Johnson (Bioversity International)</p>
16.00-17.00	Plenary discussion and wrap up	

Tuesday 23 October
Iraq room

Time	Session	
09:30 – 10.00	Coffee	
10.00-10.15	Presentation of the agenda of the day	
10:10 – 11:30	<p>How can BSF projects practically contribute to strengthen the national policy environment for Treaty implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conservación y uso sostenible de los recursos fitogenéticos locales para la alimentación y la agricultura (RFAA) para contribuir a la seguridad alimentaria de los pequeños agricultores de Argentina ➤ Plenary discussions together with government representatives from Norway and Switzerland 	<p>Mariana Ferreyra (Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria)</p> <p>Patrick Mink (Permanent Representation of Switzerland to UN organizations in Rome)</p> <p>Gunnvor Berge (Norwegian Delegation to UN organizations in Rome)</p>
11.30-13.00	<p>From the field to the market: How BSF is linking diversity to markets?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fortalecimiento de las comunidades indígenas de Cotacachi –Ecuador en la conservación y uso de RFAA como mecanismo para la distribución justa y equitativa de los beneficios ➤ Improving Livelihoods of Smallholder Farmers Through Increased Bean Productivity, Production and Income in Zambia ➤ Plenary discussion 	<p>Hugo Fabian Carrera Rueda (Unión de Organizaciones Campesinas e Indígenas de Cotacachi – UNORCAC)</p> <p>Kennedy K. Muimui (Zambia Agriculture Research Institute)</p>

Lunch		
14.00-14.30	The BSF programmatic approach: aggregating the results and actions of individual projects to create a partnership programme	Bert Visser/ Álvaro Toledo/Patrick Kasasa
14.30-16.30	Regional group work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Collective reflection on Logical framework ➤ Exercise to prepare a regional Logical framework ➤ Suggestions on how to improve logical framework 	
16.30-17.30	Plenary discussion: results from the regional groups and development of the programmatic approach	

Wednesday 24 October

Austria room

Time	Session	
09:30 – 10:00	Coffee	
10.00-10.30	Presentation of the agenda of the day and review of work undertaken in the first two days of the workshop	Bert Visser/ Secretariat of the International Treaty
10.30-12.30	Communication and visibility of agricultural biodiversity Group discussion Panel discussion	Ramstedt Rebecka (CBC-FAO) Afshaan Shafi, Secretariat of International Treaty Denise Martinez (OCCD – FAO)
Lunch		
14.00-14.30	Project information and data management and the Global Information System on PGRFA	Francisco Lopez, Secretariat of the International Treaty
14.30-15.00	Inclusion of material in the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing	Francisco Lopez, Secretariat of the International Treaty

Thursday 25 October

Austria room

Time	Session	
09:30 – 10.00	Coffee	
10.00-10.10	Presentation of the agenda of the day	Bert Visser
10.10-10.45	Farmer's Rights	Mario Marino, Secretariat of the International Treaty Patrick Kasasa(CTDI)
10.45 – 11.15	Mainstreaming gender in project activities: towards gender-responsive climate actions	Sibyl Nelson (CBC-FAO)

11.15-12.00	Enhancing equity and inclusion in the use of agricultural biodiversity: the example of the OXFAM programme	Bert Visser
12.00-13.00	Plenary discussion about improving participation and inclusiveness in individual projects	
Lunch		
14.30-16.00	Forging alliances and partnerships within and across agrobiodiversity projects and programmes Plenary discussion	Bert Visser Patrick Kasasa
16.00-16.30	4 th Call documentation: ✓ Next steps in the project cycle: Letters of Agreement ✓ Disbursement ✓ Reporting and Monitoring	Rodica Leahu, Secretariat of the International Treaty
16.30-17.00	Workshop evaluation	
17.00-17.30	Group photos	

Friday 26 October
Iraq room

Time	Session	
10.00-16.00	Opportunities for bilateral meetings with the Secretariat and other project managers Interviews	Partners, Álvaro Toledo and Rodica Leahu Partners and Afshaan Shafi

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PHOTOS







Field visit to BSF-projects in Malawi



Ready for departure



Repatriation of crops



Seed fair



seed wheel



Landsbruks- og matdepartementet

