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Mr. Shakeel Bhatti  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
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Dear Sir

**Re: Notification regarding the contribution of the Finger millet and related wild species to the Multilateral System.**

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Treaty) has established a Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing.

Regarding the coverage of the Multilateral System, Article 11 specifies that the Multilateral System shall include all plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in Annex I that are under the management and control of the Contracting Parties and in the public domain, and that Contracting Parties invite other holders of the plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in Annex I to include these in the Multilateral System.

Herewith, Mathews Dida of School of Agriculture, Maseno University wishes to notify to you that the following plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in Annex I and maintained at Maseno University and Kenya National gene bank have been included in the Multilateral System.

1. White Sel6, 2. KNE409 xKATFM1, 3. White Sel6 x IE2335, 4. KNE 479 x IE 2035, 5. White sel6 x Mhana, 6. Ndere, 7. Teso, 8. U15, 9. *Eleusine kigeziensis* Acc. MD48, and 10. *E. africana* x *E. coracana* 1, 11. *E. africana* x *E. coracana* 12, *E. africana* MSN1

Arrangements are being made to transfer these collections to be kept at Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI) Gene bank in Kenya. Once the process is complete, these resources will be publicly available and accessed through a website. Through the website detailed data on the composition of the collection and user procedures to order samples will be readily available.



Germplasm listed above will be made available to users under the conditions of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

Yours sincerely,



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