



# The International Treaty

## ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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### NOTIFICATION

#### **Capacity building workshop on the International Treaty and the Nagoya Protocol**

Dear Madam/Sir,

At its Fourth Session, the Governing Body requested the Secretary to explore with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), practical means and activities to give effect to this cooperation, in particular through capacity building for access and benefit-sharing, as related to plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, including through the organization of workshops, seminars and other events.

I am pleased to inform you that a capacity building workshop on the International Treaty and the Nagoya Protocol is being jointly organized by the Secretariats of the CBD and the Treaty, in the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation that was signed between the two Secretariats last October.

The workshop will take place in Montreal, Canada, on **4-5 June**, i.e. back to back with the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee on the Nagoya Protocol (6-10 June).

The aim of the workshop is to build the capacity of governments to implement their obligations under the two agreements in a mutually supportive manner.

All National Focal Points and representatives of Contracting Parties to the Treaty are invited to the workshop. However, due to budgetary limitations of the Treaty, it will only be possible to provide financial support to three participants from each developing country region.

Should any National Focal Point or representative of a Contracting Party be able to attend the workshop as a self-funded participant, I would be grateful if he or she could communicate it at your earliest convenience using following contact details:

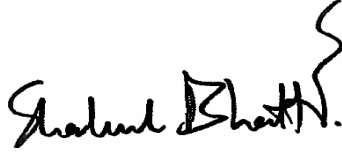
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The Information note for participants is available at:  
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/abs/icnp-01/other/icnp-01-info-note-en.pdf>

Any request for further information should be addressed to the same contact details.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

With best regards

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