



The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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NOTIFICATION

Benefit-sharing Fund: 2008 Call for Proposals

Results of screening of Pre-proposals

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretary of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture is pleased to inform that 471 pre-proposal were received under the Call for Proposals of the Benefit-sharing Fund of the Treaty, which closed on 15 January 2009.

The Bureau members met in Rome from the 15 to 17 February 2009 and screened the pre-proposals that fulfilled the eligibility criteria according to the Operational Procedures adopted by the Governing Body at its Second Session. A positive response to applicants whose pre-proposals have been approved will be sent by the Secretariat in order to ask them to submit Project proposals by 18 March 2009.

Project proposals will be appraised by the Bureau of the Governing Body on the basis of the recommendations issued by a Panel of Experts designated by the Bureau in consultation with their Regions. Project proposals are expected to be approved by 31 May 2009. Announcement of the approved Project Proposals is expected to be done within the following weeks.

A list of approved pre-proposals can be downloaded from the Treaty website <http://www.planttreaty.org>

I remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

Shakeel Bhatti
Secretary
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources
for Food and Agriculture

