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ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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NOTIFICATION

Capacity Building Workshop on Access and Benefit-sharing

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subsequent to the conclusion of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the International Treaty to further enhance collaboration in areas of mutual interest within their mandates, the Governing Body, at its Fourth Session, requested me to explore practical means and activities to give effect to such 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 access and benefit-sharing will be held on **29-30 October 2011**, in Montreal, Canada, back to back with the seventh meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Article 8 (j) and Related Provisions (Working Group). The workshop is organized by the Secretariat of the CBD, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the International Treaty, and follows a first joint workshop that was held in June this year (the report of the first workshop is available at the following url: <https://www.cbd.int/absicnp1/documents/>).

In the context of the CBD's on-going work on traditional knowledge associated to genetic resources, and related capacity building needs and priorities, the workshop will provide an opportunity to share the experience of the International Treaty with respect to support and capacity-building provided to indigenous and local communities with the implementation of the International Treaty.

The full agenda of the workshop as well as information on the workshop logistics will soon be available at the following url: <http://www.itpgrfa.net>

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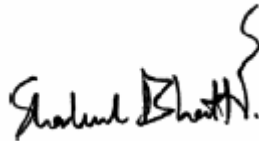
All National Focal Points and representatives of Contracting Parties to the International Treaty are invited to attend the workshop. However, due to the current budgetary limitations, it will not be possible to provide any financial support to any participants.

Should any National Focal Point or representative of a Contracting Party be able to participate in the workshop as a self-funded participant, I would be grateful if he or she could communicate attendance with the following contact details:

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shakeel Bhatti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shakeel Bhatti
Secretary
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