



# The International Treaty

## 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 (Resolution 8/2011, para. 4).

I am pleased to inform you that a capacity building workshop on access and benefit-sharing will be held on **30 June – 1 July 2012**, at the Vigyan Bhawan Convention Center in New Delhi, India. The workshop will precede the second meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing, from 2 to 6 July 2012.

The workshop is jointly organized with the Secretariat of the CBD, and follows two similar events that were held in June and October 2011. The workshops provide an opportunity to promote mutual supportiveness and harmonious implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and the International Treaty.

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

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 only be possible to provide financial support to a very limited number of participants from developing countries per region.

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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:

Dr. Shakeel Bhatti

Secretary

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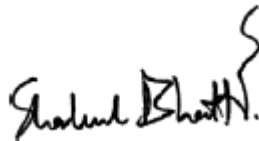
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I remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

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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