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NOTIFICATION
**Electronic Consultation on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic
Resources for Food and Agriculture**

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture is pleased to announce the opening of the *Electronic Consultation on Sustainable Use on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.

At its Fourth Session the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture adopted the Resolution 7/2011, “*Implementation of Article 6 - Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources*”, and the Resolution 6/2011, “*Implementation of Article 9, Farmers’ Rights*”, both of which are of relevance to the development of the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (PoW-SU).

Through them, the Governing Body requested the Secretary to establish a consultation process “*to gather information to identify and elaborate elements of a Programme of Work on sustainable use of PGRFA, involving a wide range of stakeholders and relevant international organizations*”.

As part of this process, the Secretariat of the Treaty has prepared, following the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Technical Committee on Sustainable Use of PGRFA, a questionnaire that can be completed online in English, French, Spanish until 31 March 2013. The Arabic version can be downloaded in word and submitted by email to the Secretariat.


We appreciate your participation and contribution. Please feel free to distribute the link to this notification and to the questionnaire among potential respondents in your network: https://it.surveymonkey.com/s/sustainable_use

You can find more information at the Treaty’s website <http://www.planttreaty.org/content/su-consultation2013> or by email at ITPGRFA-Consultation-Sustainable-Use@fao.org

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Thank you very much in advance for your participation and for your continued support to the work of the International Treaty.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shakeel Bhatti". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

Shakeel Bhatti
Secretary of the Governing Body
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources
for Food and Agriculture