



# The International Treaty

## ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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### NOTIFICATION

#### **Call for Nominations to Participate in the Second Workshop for the Strengthening of the Capacities of National Programs on Plant Genetic Resources in Latin America (CAPFITOGEN)**

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat of the International Treaty is pleased to announce the call for nominations to participate in the *Second Workshop for the Strengthening of the Capacities of National Programs on Plant Genetic Resources in Latin America* (CAPFITOGEN) to be held in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina (Brazil), during the second week of May 2014.

This second workshop will help improve the skills of technical staff in the areas of conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture by promoting technical tools based on GIS, ecogeography and management of passport data. The tools have been adapted to the needs of the national programs of the Region in the framework of the Global Information System (Article 17 of the Treaty) and the transfer of proven technologies.

The workshop will be funded by Spanish Government and organized with the support of the National Plant Genetic Resources Centre of the Spanish National Institute for Agriculture and Food Research and Technology (CRF-INIA), the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, the Polytechnic University of Madrid and the King Juan Carlos University. This second workshop will be also held in collaboration with the Agricultural Research and Rural Extension of Santa Catarina in Brazil (EPAGRI).

As there is a limited number of places available, applicants, from both Contracting Parties and non Contracting Parties to the Treaty, should submit the attached [pre-registration form](#)<sup>1</sup>, duly compiled, dated and signed, before **24 March 2014**. Please note that the training workshop will be conducted in Spanish.

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<sup>1</sup> Pre-registration form:

[ftp://ftp.fao.org/ag/agp/planttreaty/publi/2014/FichaNominacion\\_capfitogenMay2014.xls](ftp://ftp.fao.org/ag/agp/planttreaty/publi/2014/FichaNominacion_capfitogenMay2014.xls)



The Secretariat has limited funds to facilitate travel and accommodation expenses of one participant per Contracting Party. Applications from funded participants from countries that are Contracting Parties to the Treaty shall be submitted through the [national focal point of the Treaty](#)<sup>2</sup> in the country or, alternatively, through the office of the [Permanent representation of the country to FAO](#)<sup>3</sup> before **24 March 2014**.

At this second workshop, attendees will be provided with [seven tools](#)<sup>4</sup>, some of them published in 2013, and now enhanced with new versions, and others developed according to the needs identified during the first meeting.

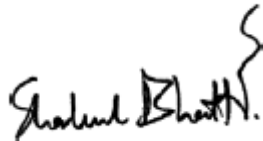
We remain at your disposal for any questions related to the workshop:

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



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

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.planttreaty.org/list\\_of\\_countries](http://www.planttreaty.org/list_of_countries)

<sup>3</sup> <http://hq1prtome01.hq.un.fao.org:8010/BlueBook/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.planttreaty.org/content/tools-capfitogen>