



# The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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### THE EXPERT CONSULTATION ON THE GLOBAL INFORMATION SYSTEM ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

San Diego, USA, 7-8 January 2015

#### Note for Participants

#### 1. Opening

The Expert Consultation on the Global Information System on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture will be held in San Diego, California, USA on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 January 2015 in the Marina AB Room, at the Hotel Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter, starting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 7 January 2015.

The annotated agenda and timetable of the meeting are available at:

<http://www.planttreaty.org/sites/default/files/cogis1w2.pdf>

#### 2. Venue and Building Passes

The meeting will take place at the Hotel Hilton Gaslamp located at 401 K Street, San Diego, California, 92101, USA TEL: +1-800-445-8667

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/california/hilton-san-diego-gaslamp-quarter-SANGQHF/index.html> in Room Marina AB.

Name tags will be made available at the meeting venue to participants previously registered with the Secretariat.

#### Local contact, if needed:

Ms Cami Beck, of the hotel management, can directly be contacted at this e-mail address: [cbeck@hiltongaslamp.com](mailto:cbeck@hiltongaslamp.com)

#### 3. Transport

##### DRIVE FROM AIRPORT

From the Airport, San Diego International-Lindbergh Field

Left on Harbor Drive, left on 5th St. and then a left on K st. The Hotel is on the corner of 4th & K St.

Drive Time: 10 min.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM AIRPORT :

Type	Typical Minimum Charge
Bus Service	2.00 USD
Super Shuttle	13.00 USD
Rental Car	30.00 USD
Taxi	14.00 USD

MAP

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/california/hilton-san-diego-gaslamp-quarter-SANGQHF/maps-directions/index.html>

#### 4. Hotel information

A block-booking for participants financially supported by the Treaty has been made at the Hotel Hilton Gaslamp at discount rates, including breakfast, for 3 or 4 nights, depending on attendance to the DivSeek meetings which will follow the Expert Consultation (<http://www.divseek.org/meetings/>). Participants staying an extra night will be responsible for payment of the accommodation to the hotel directly.

Should Participants who are **not included** in this block booking wish to stay at the Hotel Hilton Gaslamp, they can book their accommodation at the same discount rate through this direct link:

[http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SANGQHF-DIV-20150105/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SANGQHF-DIV-20150105/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

**Please note that 30 rooms are in option until 30th December 2014.**

#### 5. Entry visas for the United States

Participants who require an entry visa for the USA should have submitted a request to the US Embassy or Consulate in their country of residence as soon as they received the invitation letter to one of the meetings. Visas are the individual responsibility of travellers.

#### 6. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Supported participants will receive their Daily Subsistence Allowance through the FAO Representation office **in their country**, unless otherwise specified.

**7. Currency**

The currency in the USA is the US Dollar. UN's latest operational rates of exchange can be consulted at the following link:

<http://teasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.aspx>.

**8. Documents**

The meeting will be paperless. Working and information documents of the meeting and other documentation can be downloaded at the following link: <http://www.planttreaty.org/content/cogis1>

Participants are kindly requested to bring their own copies of documents.