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NOTIFICATION

Announcement of the GLIS Workshop in Southern African Region

Strengthening national capacities on plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in the context of the Global Information System of Article 17 of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)

Dear Colleague,

The Secretariat is pleased to announce the organization of a documentation and information sharing workshop “*Strengthening capacities in Southern Africa in the context of the Global Information System of the International Treaty*” that will be held in Cape Town, South Africa, from 12 to 14 December 2017.

The workshop is organized by the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and its Plant Genetic Resources Network (SPGRC), and the FAO Representation Office in South Africa.

The objective of the workshop is to enhance both individual and institutional capacities to document and exchange plant genetic resources in the context of the Global Information System (GLIS) of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and the promotion of standards and tools.

The activities of GLIS aim at supporting the work of genebank curators, plant breeders, geneticists and *in situ/on farm* experts working on documentation and information sharing of PGRFA material, as well as bioinformaticians and information specialists. This workshop will provide an opportunity to advance in the assessment of existing capacities, activities and on the current needs regarding plant genetic resources documentation and information sharing to facilitate their conservation and use. The meeting will be conducted in English. The provisional agenda for the workshop is available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bu004e.pdf>.

While each country can nominate up to two participants, there are limited funds available. Thanks to the generous contribution of the Government of Germany, the Secretariat will be able to fund one participant, covering travel, accommodation and daily subsistence allowance. You are invited to submit the name and the contact details of the nominee to pgrfa-treaty@fao.org with an indication of the participant to be funded **before 20 November**.

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

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Secretary

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