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Item 2 of the Provisional Agenda

INTERGOVERNMENTAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

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1. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair(s) and Rapporteur

1. In accordance with its Statutes, “the Working Group shall elect its Chairperson and one or more Vice-Chairpersons from among the representatives of Members of the Working Group at the beginning of each session. These officers shall remain in office until the next session of the Working Group and shall be eligible for re-election”.¹ The Working Group may also wish to appoint a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and timetable

2. The provisional agenda is given in document, CGRFA-WG-AnGR-8/14/1. A provisional timetable is given in *Appendix I* to the present document which provides annotations to the provisional agenda.

3. The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

3. At its Fourteenth Regular Session in April 2013, the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission) requested FAO to prepare the Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Second Report), focusing on changes since the preparation of the first report, for presentation to the Commission at its Fifteenth Regular Session.² The Draft *Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* is provided to the Working Group in document CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/Inf.2. Detailed analysis of Part IV of the Second Report is available in document, *Synthesis progress report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources – 2014* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/Inf.5). The Working Group is invited to review the draft of the Second Report and to provide recommendations for the Commission's consideration and endorsement at its Fifteenth Regular Session.

4. Implementation and update of the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources*

4. The Commission, at its Fifteenth Regular Session, will review the implementation of the outcomes of the First International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture which was held in 2007 in Interlaken, Switzerland. The Working Group is therefore invited to review progress in the implementation of the *Interlaken Declaration* and the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources (Global Plan of Action)*.³

4.1 Review of implementation of the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources*

5. The document, *Implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/3.1), provides an overview of FAO activities since the Commission's last Session, including, as requested by the Commission, information on progress in the development of technical guidelines, capacity development and training, technical support to countries and on the further development of the Domestic Animal Diversity Information System (DAD-IS).⁴ The Working Group is invited to take note of the review of its work and to guide the Commission on future work in this area.

6. The activities are grouped according to their relevance to the four Strategic Priority Areas of the *Global Plan of Action*; the document also includes an overview of collaboration and financing. More detailed information is given in the document, *Detailed FAO progress report on the*

¹ See Statutes of the Intergovernmental Technical Working on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/Inf. 1, Article 4.1.

² CGRFA-14/13/Report, paragraph 71.

³ CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 46; Appendix G (Strategic Plan), pp. 5, 15.

⁴ CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraphs 72-82.

implementation of the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/Inf.3). Financial information is provided in the document, *The financing of the implementation of the Global Plan of Action* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/3.2).

7. The Commission further requested its Working Group to review status and trends reporting on animal genetic resources for food and agriculture.⁵ Based on updates of national breed data and information in DAD-IS, the document, *Status and trends report on animal genetic resources – 2014* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/Inf.4) provides the requested information. Further information of the history and current status of DAD-IS is provided in document, *Maintenance and development of the Domestic Animal Diversity Information System DAD-IS* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/Inf.7)

8. At its Fourteenth Regular Session, the Commission requested that FAO continue developing the technical guidelines on animal identification, traceability and performance recording.⁶ The Working Group is invited to review the *Draft guidelines for the development of integrated multipurpose animal recording system* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/Inf.6), and recommend them for endorsement by the Commission.

4.2 Possible update of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources

9. The conclusions from the Country Reports on the implementation and possible update of the *Global Plan of Action* are presented in document, *Review and possible update of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/4). The Working Group is invited to review the document and provide comments to the Commission.

5. Ecosystem services provided by livestock species and breeds

10. At its Fourteenth Regular Session, the Commission requested FAO to identify the nature of ecosystem services provided by livestock species and breeds kept by all livestock keepers, with special consideration to the important contributions of small-scale livestock keepers and pastoralists.⁷ The document, *The nature of ecosystem services provided by livestock species and breeds* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/5) gives the overview, while the Background Study Paper 66 *Ecosystem services provided by livestock species and breeds, with special consideration to the contributions of small-scale livestock keepers and pastoralists* provides detailed information from a global survey and literature review of the roles of animal genetic resources in the provision of ecosystem services. The Working Group is invited to take note of the review and to guide the Commission on future work in this area.

6. Access and benefit-sharing for animal genetic resources

11. At its last Session, the Commission considered the need for and modalities of access and benefit-sharing (ABS) arrangements for genetic resources for food and agriculture (GRFA). The Commission put in place a process the final output of which it requested to be *Draft elements to facilitate domestic implementation of Access and Benefit-Sharing for different subsectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture* (Draft Elements), taking into account relevant international instruments on access and benefit-sharing. As part of this process, the Commission requested its intergovernmental technical working groups on animal, forest and plant genetic resources to explore ABS issues for their respective subsectors.⁸

12. The Commission established a Team of Technical and Legal Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing (TTLE ABS) and mandated it to, *inter alia*, participate in designated portions of the intergovernmental technical working group meetings dedicated to addressing ABS issues, to help inform and shape the intergovernmental technical working group discussions and output.⁹

⁵ CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraphs 39, 46.

⁶ CGRFA-14/13/Report, paragraph 60.

⁷ CGRFA-14/13/Report, paragraph 61.

⁸ CGRFA-14/13/Report, paragraph 40.

⁹ CGRFA-14/13/Report, paragraph 40.

13. The document, *Animal genetic resources and Access and Benefit-Sharing* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/6) briefly summarizes the Commission's work on ABS related to animal genetic resources for food and agriculture and gives an overview of the topic. As requested by the Commission, *Explanatory notes to the distinctive features of genetic resources for food and agriculture*, are provided in the document CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/Inf.11. *Government submissions on conditions under which specific genetic resources for food and agriculture are exchanged and utilized*, are contained in document, CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/Inf.9. *Submissions of stakeholders on voluntary codes of conduct, guidelines and best practices, and/or standards in relation to access and benefit-sharing for all subsectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture*, are contained in document, CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/Inf.10.

14. The Working Group is invited to consider the issue of access and benefit-sharing for animal genetic resources and to provide guidance with regard to future work of the Commission on this issue, including as part of the *Draft Elements to Facilitate Domestic Implementation of Access and Benefit-Sharing for Different Subsectors of Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.

7. Genetic diversity and climate change

15. The Commission, at its last session, reaffirmed the importance of genetic resources for food and agriculture for coping with climate change and the need for raising awareness of their potential roles. At the same session, the Commission adopted its Programme of Work on Climate Change and Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.¹⁰

16. As part of the Programme of Work, for 2014, the Commission agreed that its Working Groups would develop guidelines for the integration of genetic diversity considerations into climate change adaptation planning. A national adaptation plan (NAP) process was established under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The Working Group may wish to consider document *Genetic diversity and climate change* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/7) and review the *Draft guidelines to support the integration of genetic diversity into national climate change adaptation planning* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/Inf.8), and recommend them for endorsement by the Commission.

8. Biodiversity and nutrition

17. The Commission, at its last session, highlighted the importance of biodiversity for food and nutrition and noted that its potential role in nutrition is underexplored and undervalued. It welcomed the progress FAO had made in awareness raising and requested FAO to continue its leading role in the Cross Cutting Initiative on Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition. The Commission requested FAO to further develop its work on biodiversity and nutrition, recognizing the importance of linking food biodiversity and the environment sector to human nutrition and the health and agriculture sectors.¹¹ The Commission also requested FAO to develop *Draft guidelines for mainstreaming biodiversity into policies, programmes and national and regional plans of action on nutrition*.¹² The Draft Guidelines are included in the document, *Biodiversity and nutrition* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/8). It requested its intergovernmental technical working groups to review the Draft Guidelines and to provide recommendations for the Commission's consideration at its Fifteenth Regular Session.

9. Application and integration of biotechnologies

18. The Commission, at its Thirteenth Regular Session, decided to review the work of its Working Groups on the application and integration of biotechnologies for the conservation and sustainable utilization of genetic resources for food and agriculture, at its forthcoming Fifteenth Regular Session.¹³ The document, *Application and integration of biotechnologies for the conservation and sustainable utilization of genetic resources for food and agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-8/14/9), summarizes

¹⁰ CGRFA-14/13/Report, Appendix D.

¹¹ CGRFA-14/13/Report, paragraphs 42-43.

¹² CGRFA-14/13/Report, paragraph 46.

¹³ CGRFA-13/11/Report, Appendix F.

FAO's technical activities specifically related to biotechnology and reviews relevant work of FAO and the Commission's Working Groups on the application and integration of biotechnologies for the conservation and sustainable utilization of genetic resources for food and agriculture. The Working Group is invited to take note of the review of its work and to guide the Commission on future work in this area.

10. Other business

11. Adoption of the Report

Appendix 1 Provisional Timetable

Date & Time	Agenda Item	Title
Wednesday, 26 November 2014		
10:00-11:00	1	Election of Chair, Vice-Chair(s) and Rapporteur
	2	Adoption of the agenda and timetable
11:00-13:00	3	The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
	4	Implementation and update of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources
	4.1	Review of implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources
15:00-18:00	4.2	Possible update of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources
	5	Ecosystem services provided by livestock species and breeds
Thursday, 27 November 2014		
10:00-13:00	7	Genetic diversity and climate change
	8	Biodiversity and nutrition
	9	Application and integration of biotechnologies
15:00-18:00	6	Access and benefit-sharing for animal genetic resources
	10	Other business
Friday, 28 November 2014		
10:00-13:00		Side events
15:00-18:00	11	Adoption of the Report of the Working Group