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# COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

## Item 2 of the Provisional Agenda

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

#### Eighth Session

Rome, 8 – 10 June 2016

#### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

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

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”.<sup>1</sup> The Working Group may also wish to appoint a *Rapporteur*.

#### 2. Adoption of the annotated agenda and timetable

A provisional timetable is given in the *Appendix* to the present document, for consideration by the Working Group.

#### 3. Implementation of the *Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*

*FAO activities in support of the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*

At its Fifteenth Regular Session, the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Commission) considered FAO’s work in support of the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Second GPA)<sup>2</sup>. The Commission reaffirmed the need for technical support in the area of crop improvement and for plant breeding

<sup>1</sup> CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/Inf.9.

<sup>2</sup> CGRFA-15/15/Report, paragraph 50.

capacity and seed systems' development in support of the implementation of the Second GPA.<sup>3</sup> The document, *FAO activities in support of the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/2)*, provides a summary of the work initiated or completed since the last session of the Commission in support of the implementation of the Second GPA, for consideration by the Working Group.

*Assessment of the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*

The FAO Council, in adopting the Second GPA, agreed that progress in its implementation and the related follow-up processes would be monitored and guided by governments and other FAO Members through the Commission. In order to discharge this function, the Commission adopted a set of indicators for monitoring the implementation of the Second GPA. At its last session, the Commission endorsed a timeline both for the monitoring of the implementation of the Second GPA and for the preparation of *The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Third Report)*.

According to the timeline adopted by the Commission, an assessment of the implementation of the Second GPA should be presented to this session of the Working Group. The document, *Summary assessment of the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture 2012-2014 (CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/3)* summarizes the process undertaken to prepare the assessment of the implementation of the Second GPA and the key results of the assessment. A more detailed assessment of the implementation of the Second GPA is provided in the document, *Assessment of the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture 2012–2014 (CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/Inf.1)*.

The Working Group may wish to recommend that the Commission take note of the implementation assessment and invite countries which have not yet done so to provide information on their implementation of the Second GPA between 2012 and 2014 as soon as possible through the WIEWS Reporting System.

*In situ conservation and on-farm management of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture*

The Commission, at its last session, took note of a revised concept note on *in situ* conservation and on-farm management of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture. The revised concept note, *Global networking on in situ conservation and on-farm management of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/Inf.2)* is made available to the Working Group, for its information.

The Commission requested FAO to convene before this session of the Working Group an informal multistakeholder dialogue to discuss options for networking for *in situ* conservation and on-farm management, its functions, governance and budgetary requirements, in particular to ensure its long-term funding<sup>4</sup>. The Commission requested FAO to revise the concept note in the light of the outcomes of the multistakeholder dialogue, for consideration by the Commission at its next session.

In response to the Commission's request, FAO will hold an informal multi-stakeholder dialogue immediately prior to this session of the Working Group. The dialogue, co-organized by FAO and the French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD), will be held in Rome from 6 to 7 June 2016 at FAO headquarters. A summary of the outcomes of the dialogue will be presented to the Working Group during the session.

In the light of the outcomes of the dialogue, the Working Group may wish to make recommendations regarding global networking on *in situ* conservation and on-farm management and suggest that these recommendations be reflected in the newly revised concept note to be considered by the Commission at its next session

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<sup>3</sup> CGRFA-15/15/Report, paragraph 53.

<sup>4</sup> CGRFA-15/15/Report, paragraph 51.

*National level conservation and use of landraces/  
conservation of crop wild relatives*

The Commission, at its last session, invited the Working Group to review and revise, two draft technical guidelines on *National level conservation and use of landraces* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/Inf.3) and on *National level conservation of crop wild relatives* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/Inf.4).<sup>5</sup> The Working Group may wish to review and revise the guidelines, as appropriate, and recommend that the Commission endorse them at its next session.

**4. Preparation of *The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture***

The Commission, at its last session, endorsed the outline and the timeline for the Third Report. The Commission also welcomed the full integration of the preparation of the Third Report with the monitoring process for the implementation of the Second GPA. It recommended reviewing the list of thematic studies following the assessment of the implementation of the Second GPA at its next regular session.

The document, *Monitoring the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action and preparing The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/4), provides a new monitoring scheme and a revised timeline both for the monitoring of the implementation of the Second GPA and the preparation of the Third Report reflecting recent experiences with country reporting on the implementation of the Second GPA. The revised timeline also aligns the reporting on the implementation of the Second GPA with the monitoring of country activities contributing to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 2.5. The Working Group is requested to review and revise, as necessary, for consideration by the Commission: the proposed revised timeline for monitoring the implementation of the Second GPA and for the preparation of the Third Report; the estimated budget; and the list of thematic studies.

**5. Access and benefit-sharing for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture**

At its last session, the Commission welcomed the *Elements to Facilitate Domestic Implementation of Access and Benefit-sharing for Different Subsectors of Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (ABS Elements).<sup>6</sup> The FAO Conference, at its Thirty-ninth Session, welcomed the ABS Elements and invited Members to consider and, as appropriate, make use of them. The Conference noted the complementarity between the work of the Commission and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nagoya Protocol).

The Commission also requested its Working Groups, to continue elaborating, with the assistance of the Secretary, subsector-specific elements for ABS, including consideration of the role of traditional knowledge associated with GRFA and their customary use, and bearing in mind the on-going activities or processes under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. The document, *Elaboration of subsector-specific elements for access and benefit-sharing for genetic resources for food and agriculture*, (CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/5) provides a brief overview of the global context of ABS. The document also illustrates by reference to the ABS Elements some of the features typically addressed by ABS legislative, administrative or policy measures. The Working Group is requested to provide guidance and make recommendations to the ABS Expert Team and the Commission on ABS for its subsector.

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<sup>5</sup> CGRFA-15/15/Report, paragraph 51.

<sup>6</sup> CGRFA-15/15/Report, paragraph 22(i).

## **6. Review of the Commission's Multi-Year Programme of Work**

The Commission's Multi-Year Programme of Work foresees for the Commission's forthcoming Sixteenth Regular Session, as a major output, a "Progress Report/ Periodic assessment/ Review of the Multi-year Programme of Work."

The document, *Review of implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work and draft Strategic Plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (2018-2027)* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/6) takes stock of major outputs and milestones achieved under the MYPOW since its adoption in 2007. Based on the progress made over the last decade, a Strategic Plan for the Commission is proposed for review by the Working Group.

The Working Group is invited to review progress made by the Commission over the last decade, and to review and revise, as appropriate, the draft Strategic Plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (2018-2027), for consideration by the Commission.

## **7. Reports from international organizations and instruments**

The document, *Reports from international organizations and instruments* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/7), introduces reports to the Working Group from the Global Crop Diversity Trust (CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/Inf.5), the International Seed Federation and the European Seed Association (CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/Inf.6) and the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/Inf.7). The Working Group is invited to take note of the reports from international organizations and instruments and may wish to recommend to the Commission that it continues inviting international organizations and instruments to report on their work to the Commission and its Working Group.

**APPENDIX**  
**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Working Documents</b>
<b>Wednesday, 8 June 2016 morning</b>			
10:30 – 11:30	1	Election of the Chair, the Vice-Chair(s) and the <i>Rapporteur</i>	
	2	Adoption of the agenda and timetable	CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/1 CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/1 Add.1
11:30 – 13:00	3	Implementation of <i>the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>	CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/2 CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/3
<b>Wednesday, 8 June 2016 afternoon</b>			
15:00 – 18:00	4	Preparation of <i>The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>	CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/4
<b>Thursday, 9 June 2016 morning</b>			
10:00 – 13:00	5	Access and benefit-sharing for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture	CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/5
<b>Thursday, 9 June 2016 afternoon</b>			
15:00 – 18:00	6	Review of the Commission's Multi-Year Programme of Work	CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/6
	7	Reports from international organizations and instruments	CGRFA/WG-PGR-8/16/7
	8	Other Business	
<b>Friday, 10 June 2016 afternoon</b>			
15:00 – 18:00	9	Adoption of the Report	