



The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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RESOLUTION 7/2013

IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 6, SUSTAINABLE USE OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Recognizing the pivotal role of sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA) in addressing global challenges, including food security, biodiversity loss, climate change adaptation and the fight against poverty, especially for smallholder farmers;

Recalling Resolution 7/2011 and taking note of the Report of the *Ad Hoc* Technical Committee on Sustainable Use of PGRFA;
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Emphasizing the key role of the sustainable use of PGRFA and the link between Farmers' Rights under Article 9 and the provisions on conservation and sustainable use under Articles 5 and 6 of the Treaty;

Taking note of the events for awareness raising on the actual or potential value of underutilized species, such as the *Cordoba Declaration on Promising Crops for the XXI Century*;

1. **Endorses** the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and Supporting Initiatives as contained in *Annex 1* to this Resolution, including its Vision, Mission and Goals, and requests Contracting Parties and stakeholders to report on their implementation activities to the Governing Body using the indicators for monitoring the implementation of the *Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* and relevant reporting formats for consideration at its Sixth and Seventh Sessions;
2. **Requests** the Secretary, in collaboration with FAO technical units and other stakeholders, and subject to the availability of financial resources, to continue developing the toolbox on sustainable use of PGRFA for consideration by the Governing Body, in order to assist Contracting Parties in the implementation of Article 6 of the Treaty;

3. **Welcomes** the Supporting Initiatives contained in *Annex 1 , Table 1*, of this Resolution, and acknowledges the contribution of these initiatives to the sustainable -use of PGRFA and encourages their further development;
4. **Requests** all the Contracting Parties to implement measures and activities that promote the sustainable use of PGRFA, as contained in the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of PGRFA and Supporting Initiatives;
5. **Requests** the Secretariat to cooperate with all relevant entities within FAO and institutions such as CBD and CGIAR, as well as the private sector and NGOs, under the framework of the Treaty, for the effective implementation of activities in support of the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of PGRFA and Supporting Initiatives;
6. **Requests** the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to facilitate, coordinate and monitor the activities carried out by Contracting Parties, stakeholders and International Organizations;
7. **Requests** the Secretary to continue to invite and collect submissions from Contracting Parties, other governments and relevant institutions and organizations on how to promote and improve measures for the sustainable use of PGRFA;
8. **Requests** the Secretary to work with Contracting Parties, networks and partners to promote the conservation and use of local and locally adapted varieties, underutilized crops and their knowledge systems, crop cultures and associated landscapes in order to better meet sustainable development objectives and strengthen *in-situ* and *on-farm* conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA;
9. **Requests** the Secretary to further develop the collaboration with GFAR and Bioversity International on training and capacity building for the sustainable use of PGRFA, including through joint resource mobilization;
10. **Requests** all Contracting Parties to promote, as appropriate, the access of all farmers to PGRFA in the Multilateral System and the broadening of the genetic base of crops in use;
11. **Decides** to reconvene the *Ad Hoc Technical Committee on Sustainable Use of PGRFA*, subject to the availability of financial resources, with the Terms of Reference contained in *Annex 2* to this Resolution.

ANNEX 1

**THE VISION, MISSION AND GOALS OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON
SUSTAINABLE USE OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE AND SUPPORTING INITIATIVES****VISION**

Plant genetic resources for food and agriculture are used sustainably in farming systems in accordance with Article 6, to enable more inclusive, sustainable and efficient agricultural and food systems at local, national and international levels.

MISSION

To enhance the sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture through effective measures that translate Article 6 of the Treaty into country-level impact.

GOALS**Monitoring, implementing and ensuring technical support**

Goal 1: To provide support to Contracting Parties and stakeholders to implement the provisions of Articles 5, 6 and 9 of the Treaty that are relevant to the sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, based on national priorities and needs.

Goal 2: To provide policy direction and guidance by monitoring the implementation of the Treaty in relation to sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

Goal 3: To continue monitoring the technical support and expertise provided by FAO in the area of sustainable use, as foreseen in Article 6 of the Treaty.

Cooperating and improving partnerships

Goal 4: To strengthen collaboration and partnerships among stakeholders participating in projects and programmes relevant to the sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, taking into account the Convention on Biological Diversity's Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Goal 5: To implement the objectives of non-monetary benefit-sharing, and the Priority Activities of the *Second Global Plan of Action*, regarding the sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

Table 1: Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and Supporting Initiatives

<i>Programmes</i>	<i>Expected Results GB 6th (2015)</i>	<i>Expected Results GB 7th (2017)</i>	<i>Implementing Partners</i>
Part A: agreed by the Governing Body			
1. Activities for Implementing the Sustainable Use of PGRFA, as per Article 6 of the Treaty	✓ Activities will be implemented by Contracting Parties, stakeholders and international organizations. The Secretariat of the Treaty will facilitate, coordinate and monitor the activities carried out by Contracting Parties, stakeholders and International Organizations . They will be reported back to the Governing Body	✓ Activities will be implemented by Contracting Parties, stakeholders and international organizations. The Secretariat of the Treaty will facilitate, coordinate and monitor the activities carried out by Contracting Parties, stakeholders and International Organizations. They will be reported back to the Governing Body	Contracting Parties, FAO, CGIAR, CGRFA, GFAR, CBD
2. Toolbox on Sustainable Use of PGRFA.	✓ To convene one meeting of experts, to synthesize the set of prospective tools, subject to the availability of resources	✓ Publications of the toolbox in all the working languages of FAO.	Contracting Parties, , FAO, CGRFA, CGIAR, GFAR, CBD, NGOs, Private Sector and Farmers Organizations
Part B: Supporting Initiatives undertaken by Contracting Parties and other stakeholders voluntarily			
3. Platform for the Co-Development and Transfer of Technologies within the context of non-monetary benefit-sharing under the Treaty	✓ Convening of annual meetings of the Platform	✓ Convening of annual meetings of the Platform	Working and advisory partners of the Platform

<p>4. Public-Private Partnerships for Pre-breeding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To convene one additional meeting of experts aiming to develop a plan for establish the Public-Private Partnerships for Pre-breeding ✓ To convene an International Symposium on Pre-breeding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To develop an action plan for forging partnerships between the public and private sector in pre-breeding 	<p>Contracting Parties, FAO, CGRFA, CGIAR, GFAR, Private Sector, NGOs and Farmers Organizations</p>
<p>5. To raise awareness of the actual and potential value of underutilized species of local and regional importance for food security and sustainable development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Supporting the Cordoba Declaration on Promising Crops for the XXI Century organizing specific events with the partners ✓ Implementing the Joint initiative between the Secretariats of the Treaty and the CBD and other partners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Publications in all the working languages of FAO about the relevance of the neglected and underutilized species. ✓ Joint research and publication on Aichi target of sustainability in agriculture in all the working languages of FAO about the relevance of the neglected and underutilized species. 	<p>Contracting Parties, FAO, GFAR, CBD, CGIAR, Private Sector, NGOs and Farmers Organizations</p>

ANNEX 2

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE *AD HOC* TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

1. The *Ad hoc* Technical Committee on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (hereafter the Committee) will provide advice to the Secretary on:
 - coordination of the Programme of Work on Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and Supporting Initiatives;
 - cooperation with the CBD and other international processes and institutions in the field of sustainable use of PGRFA;
 - development of the toolbox on sustainable use of PGRFA in order to assist Contracting Parties in the implementation of Article 6 of the Treaty.

2. The Committee will comprise up to two members for each Region and up to ten technical experts designated by the Vice-Chairpersons of the Bureau of the Sixth Session. Each member of the Committee can be replaced with a new one designated for each Region by the Vice-Chairpersons of the Bureau. The final decision will be taken by the Bureau. Two Co-Chairs from Contracting Parties of the Treaty will form part of the Committee, one from a developing country and one from a developed country. The Co-Chairs will be elected by the members of the Committee designated by the Regions.

3. The Committee will hold up to two meetings, subject to the availability of financial resources.

4. The Committee will prepare reports at the end of its meetings, which will be made available as documents to the Sixth Session of the Governing Body.

5. The Secretary will report on the results of the work of the Committee to the Governing Body at its Sixth Session.