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NOTIFICATION

Descriptors and Guidelines for the Assignment of Digital Object Identifiers within the Global Information System

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat of the International Treaty is pleased to announce the publication of two major technical documents elaborated within the Programme of Work on the Global Information System (GLIS):

- i. *Data required for the assignment of Digital Object Identifiers in the Global Information System* [<http://www.fao.org/3/a-bp767e.pdf>] - v.1. It describes the minimum data to be provided when registering samples in GLIS;
- ii. *Guidelines for the optimal use of Digital Object Identifiers as permanent unique identifiers for germplasm samples* [<http://www.fao.org/3/a-bq549e.pdf>] - v.1. It outlines the main features and benefits of DOIs associated to samples of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture as well as a set of basic rules and useful advice for users to determine when to assign them. It does also contain a few use cases.

Both documents will allow the user community to more precisely and permanently identify plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, especially the material available in the Multilateral System, as well as better model the relations between records referring to the same material when transferred. Furthermore, users from different groups such as researchers, breeders, farmers, genebank managers, geneticists, data curators and bioinformaticians will be able to exchange and retrieve data from different datasets..



If you have queries or comments on any of the documents above, the Secretariat will be pleased to compile and forward them to the Scientific Advisory Committee meeting that will be held by the end of November 2016 in Rome. Kindly send them, preferably, before 11 November to:

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



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