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The International Treaty
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Opening Ceremony
Eighth Session of the Governing Body
of the
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

Monday, 11 November 2019, 10:00 am
FAO/Rome, Italy
Plenary Hall

Welcome Remarks by Ms Christine Dawson, Chair, Eighth Session of the Governing Body

Opening Remarks by Ms Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General of FAO

Special Guest: H.E. Mr Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, India

Special Guest: H.E. Teresa Bellanova, Minister for Agricultural Food and Forestry Policies, Italy

Short Film on the International Treaty

Ms Marie Haga, Executive Director, Global Crop Diversity Trust

Mr Michael Keller, Secretary General, International Seed Federation

Mr François Desprez, Chairman, *Groupement National Interprofessionnel des Semences et plants* (GNIS)

Ms Evalyne Adhiambo Okoth, Farmers' Representative (from a Benefit-sharing Fund supported project)

Keynote Address: Sir Robert Watson, Former Chair, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), and former Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Ms Irene Hoffmann, Secretary, Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, FAO

Mr Kent Nnadozie, Secretary, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, FAO

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