

IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE CONSERVATION, USE AND EXCHANGE OF PLANT GENETIC DIVERSITY

International Panel

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1:00–4:00 p.m. (CEST), 15 September 2020

AGENDA

1:00–1:20 Opening of the meeting

Eduardo Mansur, Director, Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment. FAO
Yasmina El Bahloul, Chair, Ninth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty

1.20–2:00 International perspectives

Moderator: Eliane Ubalijoro, Board Member, Global Crop Diversity Trust

Stefan Schmitz, Executive Director, Global Crop Diversity Trust
Noelle Anglin, Leader, Biodiversity for the Future Programme, International Potato Center (CGIAR)
Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity (tbc)

2:00–2:30 Perspective from Treaty stakeholders

Moderator: Eliane Ubalijoro, Board Member, GCDT

Michael Keller, Secretary General, International Seed Federation (ISF)
Bert Visser, Genetic Resources Specialist, Oxfam-Novib

2:30–3:15 The experiences from national, regional and local PGRFA programmes

Moderator: Yasmina El Bahloul, Chair, ITPGRFA

Presentation of survey results on the impact of COVID-19 on the International Treaty

Lise Lykke Steffensen, Executive Director, Nordic Genetic Resource Center (NordGen)
Kuldeep Singh, Director of the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, India.
Sergio Alonzo, Asociación de Organizaciones de los Cuchumatanes (ASOCUCH, Guatemala)

3:15–3:45 Impact on farmers' seed security

Moderator: Yasmina El Bahloul, Chair, Bureau, ITPGRFA

Csaba Gaspar, Sophia Gnych, OECD Forest Seed and Plant Scheme
Shawn Mcguire, Officer (Seed Security), FAO's Plant Production and Protection Division
Johnathan Shoham, Senior Consultant Analyst, IHS Markit

3:45–4:00 Wrap-up and closing of the meeting