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NOTIFICATION

Report on material available and on transfers in the Multilateral System – Invitation to provide information

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Resolution 2/2019 on the Implementation and Operation of the Multilateral System, by which the Governing Body “*request[ed] the Secretary to update the report on availability of material in the Multilateral System and the report on the transfer of the materials for the Ninth Session of the Governing Body.*” The Governing Body also “*request[ed] the Secretary to explore why many countries have not placed material in the Multilateral System and invite[d] Contracting Parties to share difficulties that may be encountered, or the needs for capacity building for placing material in the Multilateral System or in sharing germplasm with other Contracting Parties.*”

The report containing the information requested by the Governing Body will be prepared in January 2022. The purpose of this notification is therefore,

- (1) to invite Contracting Parties and relevant stakeholders to share updated information on the germplasm they hold and that is available in the Multilateral System;
- (2) to invite Contracting Parties and relevant stakeholders to share updated information on the transfers of germplasm they have made under the Multilateral System; and
- (3) to invite Contracting Parties to share information on the difficulties they may encounter or the needs for capacity building for placing material or for sharing germplasm in the Multilateral System.

In this context, Contracting Parties and stakeholders are reminded of the digital tools that are available to facilitate the processes of making material available under the Multilateral System (<https://ssl.fao.org/glis/>) and of reporting transfers of germplasm in the Multilateral System to the Governing Body (<https://mls.planttreaty.org/itt/>). The Secretariat will be pleased to provide any support needed and requested through dedicated help-desks at SMTA-Support@fao.org and PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org.

To facilitate the timely preparation of these reports requested by the Governing Body, I would appreciate receiving such information by **31 December 2021** at PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org. I would be grateful if national focal points could circulate this notification widely, encouraging all providers to share relevant information, so that the report for the Ninth Session of the Governing Body will benefit from the most recent, accurate and comprehensive information.



For any query or request for further information, please contact the Secretariat of the International Treaty at:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kent Nnadozie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kent Nnadozie
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