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**INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**FIFTH MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE
FUNDING STRATEGY AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**

15 – 17 February 2022

Annotated Provisional Agenda and Timetable

INTRODUCTION

1. At its Eighth Session, the Governing Body adopted the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty for the period 2020 to 2025, through Resolution 3/2019,¹ in order to enhance the availability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the provision of financial resources to implement activities under the Treaty, and established a Standing Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization (the Funding Committee).
2. Through the second and third meetings of the Funding Committee, a Funding Strategy Operational Plan² for the period 2020-2025 was developed and updated. The Operational Plan spans multiple biennia and sets out major milestones and outputs to be delivered in each.
3. At its fourth meeting, the Committee agreed that the key issues that would be discussed at its fifth meeting would include:
 - a) Finalisation of the Report of the Funding Committee to the Ninth Session of the Governing Body (GB-9), including elements for a draft Resolution;
 - b) Finalisation of the *Implementation, Monitoring and Review plan: Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy* and its streamlining into existing Funding Strategy tools such as the Operational Plan 2020-2025;
 - c) Consideration and possible finalisation of the BSF-5 program;
 - d) Taking forward the work of the Funding Strategy for Biennium 2022/23.

ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The fifth meeting the Funding Committee will be held virtually through three daily sessions of two hours each, over the period 15-17 February 2022. The opening of the meeting will take place on Tuesday 15 February at 12.00 hours (midday) CET. Further details concerning the arrangements for participating in the virtual meeting are contained in the document, IT/SFC-5/22/Inf.2, *Note for Participants*.

¹ <http://www.fao.org/3/nb780en/nb780en.pdf>

² <http://www.fao.org/3/cb6588en/cb6588en.pdf>

ITEM 2: AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

5. The Provisional Agenda contained in the document, IT/GB-9/SFC-5/22/1, has been prepared by the Secretary, based upon the focus areas agreed by the Committee at its fourth meeting. This document, IT/GB-9/SFC-5/22/2, annotates the Provisional Agenda and contains a provisional timetable in Appendix 1.

ITEM 3: RESOURCE MOBILIZATION:

IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND REVIEW PLAN OF THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

6. A short introduction to the item will be provided. The Committee will then consider the document, IT/GB-9/SFC-5/22/3, *Further updated Draft of the Implementation, Monitoring and Review plan of the Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy*, for finalisation at this meeting.

7. At its fourth meeting, the Committee finalised the *Draft Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy* for inclusion in the Funding Committee's report to GB-9, as contained in Appendix 1 of the document, IT/GB-9/ SFC-5/22/5, *Draft Report of the Committee to the Ninth Session of the Governing Body including draft elements for a Resolution*.

8. At its fourth meeting, the Committee also discussed the *Co-Chairs' updated draft of the Implementation, monitoring and review plan of the Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy* as contained in Appendix 2 of the SFC-4 Proceedings, and requested the Secretariat to further develop the draft for finalisation at its fifth meeting.

9. The Committee agreed that the plan should be a living document that may be incorporated into the Operational Plan of the Funding Strategy 2020-2025, should the Committee decide it is relevant to do so, and continue to be updated. It further agreed that it should be provided as a separate information document to the Ninth Session of the Governing Body and that, once finalised, a link to it would be included in the *Draft Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy*.

ITEM 4: BENEFIT-SHARING FUND OPERATIONS:

BSF-5 PROGRAM

10. At its fourth meeting, the Committee requested the Secretariat to continue to advance preparations of the BSF-5 program for finalisation at the Committee's fifth meeting. It agreed that at its fifth meeting, the Committee would:

- i. Consider a draft BSF-5 programme prepared by the Secretariat including:
 - a) Main features and novelties of BSF-5;
 - b) Funds available, budget and funding ceilings for single-country and multi-country projects;
 - c) Full analysis of options for BSF-5 fund allocation and a proposal on how these options may be combined in practice;
 - d) Overview of the timeline and key milestones for BSF-5 implementation;
- ii. Take note of the methodology for the screening of project pre-proposals to be used by the Panel of Experts.

- iii. Consider options for BSF-5 fund allocation, including, as appropriate, an indicative distribution of BSF-5 resources among the options;
- iv. Decide to officially launch BSF-5 and request the Secretariat to publish a notification and other communication products to make information available about BSF-5.

11. An introduction to the item will be provided at the meeting, including on the reconvening of the Independent Panel of Experts and the outcomes of the virtual briefings organized for Regional Groups on the preparations for BSF-5 as requested by the Committee at its fourth meeting. The Committee will then consider the documents, IT/GB-9/SFC-5/22/4, *The Fifth Cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund* and, IT/GB-9/SFC-5/22/Inf.4, *The Fifth Cycle of the Benefit-Sharing Fund: Building Blocks* with a view to finalising the Fifth Cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund at this meeting.

ITEM 5: FUTURE WORK OF THE FUNDING COMMITTEE

12. A short introduction to the item will be provided at the meeting. The Committee will then consider the document IT/GB-9/SFC-5/22/Inf.3, *Operational Plan for the Funding Strategy 2020-2025* with a particular focus on taking forward the work of the Funding Strategy for the Biennium 2022/23. It will consider:

- i. The major milestones and outputs contained in the Operational Plan for the current biennium, and identify any updates and actions required to take forward the work of the Committee, including in preparation for its next meeting.
- ii. Subsequent meeting arrangements, including the possible participation of active observers, and any outside expertise needed in order to progress the work to implement and further develop the Funding Strategy.

13. Under this item, the Committee will also consider the timeframe for its next meeting.

ITEM 6: REPORT OF THE FUNDING COMMITTEE TO THE NINTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

14. A short introduction to the item will be provided at the meeting. The Committee will then consider the document, IT/GB-9/SFC-5/22/5, *Draft Report of the Committee to the Ninth Session of the Governing Body including elements for a draft Resolution*, for finalisation at this meeting and submission to GB-9. The document has been developed on the basis of the draft outline of the report considered by the Committee at its fourth meeting.

ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

15. Under this item, and with time permitting, the Committee may wish to discuss any other relevant matters that may have arisen or were raised by members, which have not been covered in the agenda.

ITEM 8: MEETING PROCEEDINGS

16. The meeting proceedings, containing a summary of the discussions of the Committee during its fifth meeting, will be documented and circulated by the Secretariat following the meeting. Comments on the meeting proceedings can be made electronically by Members of the Committee for the finalization of the document. Under this item, the Committee will agree the timeframe for providing comments on the meeting proceedings document.

APPENDIX 1
PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Session 1 – Tuesday 15 February 2022, 12.00 – 14.00 Central European Time (CET)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Agenda and timetable 3. Resource Mobilization: Implementation, monitoring and review plan of the Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy
Session 2 – Wednesday 16 February 2022, 12.00 – 14.00 Central European Time (CET)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Benefit-sharing Fund Operations: BSF-5 program
Session 3 – Thursday 17 February 2022, 12.00 – 14.00 Central European Time (CET)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Future work of the Funding Committee 6. Report of the Funding Committee to the Ninth Session of the Governing Body 7. Other business 8. Meeting proceedings