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

3 – 5 May 2023

REPORT

ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The Seventh Meeting (SFC-7) of the Standing Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization (the Funding Committee or Committee) was opened by the Co-Chairs, Ms. Katlyn Scholl (USA) and Mr. Eric Bentsil Quaye (Ghana).
2. In their welcoming remarks, the Co-Chairs noted that this was the first meeting of the Committee to be held in person since the designation of the Committee as a Standing Committee and the adoption of the updated Funding Strategy in 2019, which had largely been implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. The Co-Chairs welcomed the Members of the Committee, and observers. The List of Participants is provided in *Appendix 4* of this document.

ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

4. The Committee adopted the Agenda and Timetable for this meeting, as given in *Appendix 3* of this document.

**ITEM 3: BENEFIT-SHARING FUND OPERATIONS:
BSF-5 PROGRAM**

Policy on Conflicts of Interest and Related Standards of Conduct for the Benefit-Sharing Fund

5. The Committee recalled Resolution 3/2019 through which the Governing Body adopted the updated Funding Strategy (2020-2025) which delegates the authority for the operations of the Benefit-sharing Fund during the biennium to the Funding Committee, as set out of the Operations Manual of the Benefit-sharing Fund.¹ It also noted that approval of projects to be funded by the BSF to the Funding Committee is undertaken in accordance with the *Policy on Conflicts of Interest and Related Standards of Conduct for the Benefit-Sharing Fund* (Policy of Conflicts of Interest).² The Committee took note of the Policy of Conflicts of Interest provided to this meeting and agreed to adhere to it.

¹ Annex 2, in paragraph 31, of the Funding Strategy www.fao.org/3/nb780en/nb780en.pdf

² Policy on Conflicts of Interest and Related Standards of Conduct for the Benefit-Sharing Fund www.fao.org/3/cc3890en/cc3890en.pdf

Final Report of the Panel of Experts: Fifth Call for Proposals of the Benefit-sharing Fund

6. A member of the Panel of Experts,³ Mr Sam Johnston, presented document IT/GB-10/SFC-7/23/Inf.3, *Final Report of the Panel of Experts: Fifth Call for Proposals of the Benefit-sharing Fund* (Final PoE Report), and highlighted the main elements it contained. This included an overview of the work undertaken by the Panel of Experts since the launch of the Fifth Call for Proposals (BSF-5), details on the different steps carried out to undertake the appraisal of the 32 full project proposals it received, as well as the main outcome of the appraisal process, which consists of a list of 28 projects recommended for funding in BSF-5, for the Committee's consideration.

7. The Report of the Panel of Experts provides an overview of the portfolio of 28 projects recommended for funding and a list of recommendations, both for the next steps of the BSF-5 and for future calls for proposals. It notes the very interesting portfolio of high-quality full proposals assessed, which have been recommended for funding. The BSF-5 portfolio of recommended projects contains a higher number of under-represented countries than in previous BSF project cycles, and 75% of the recommended project proposals are led by national organizations. BSF-5 portfolio will support PGRFA management and conservation in areas of conflict, with potential lessons learned and know-how to be documented and shared within the BSF Community of Practice. New prospects of collaboration for the Treaty through the BSF are also opening up from the participation, for the first time, of small island developing states (SIDS) from the Caribbean.

8. Mr Johnston explained that the project proposals identified in paragraph 16 of the Final Report of the Panel of Experts will need further action and refinement before concluding contractual agreements, and that budget revisions are foreseen in these listed proposals to eliminate duplications and overlap in the funding of similar activities.

9. Mr Johnston acknowledged the experience, contributions and expertise of his fellow panel members, and also the excellent preparatory work undertaken by the Secretariat, noting that the BSF continues to demonstrate, to the wider community, an effective model of a well-managed and positively impactful mechanism, despite its very limited resources.

10. The panel report notes that two countries that submitted very good pre-proposals (PR-105-M-Madagascar and PR-34-S-Armenia) did not succeed in submitting a full proposal by the deadline, and that this is a missed opportunity of working with new national institutions in under-represented countries in the BSF.

11. The Committee thanked Mr Johnston for the presentation and commended the excellent work undertaken by the Panel of Experts since the launch of BSF-5, as well as for the delivery of a final report to the Committee under significant time pressure. It took note of the Final PoE Report including the list of projects recommended for funding, welcomed the methodology used throughout the screening and appraisal processes, and the summary of findings and recommendations. The Committee agreed that the Final PoE Report provided a good basis for its deliberations and decision-making.

Approval of projects to be funded in the Fifth Call for Proposals of the Benefit-sharing Fund

12. The Secretariat introduced the document, IT/GB-10/SFC-7/23/3, *Benefit-sharing Fund Operations: Fifth Project Cycle*, and detailed the activities carried out as part of the Helpdesk function since the last meeting of the Committee. The Committee commended the work undertaken by the Secretariat to support the development of full project proposals by applicant organizations and the appraisal undertaken by the Panel of Experts. It expressed its appreciation for the transparency and efficiency of the process undertaken to identify the project proposals to be funded.

13. The Committee approved the list of projects recommended for funding by the Panel of Experts as contained in *Appendix 1* of this Report with the understanding that a small number of proposals, as identified in paragraph 16 of the Final PoE Report, will need further action and refinement, including, in particular, to eliminate the financial gap of USD 140 255 that is required to fund all the 28 recommended proposals. The Committee noted that the actions identified by the Panel of Experts to eliminate duplications and overlap in funding similar activities for the proposals should enable the elimination of the financial gap.

³ Members of the Panel of Experts of the Fifth Call for Proposals are listed in Appendix 2 of this report

14. The Committee noted that, although all the regions are represented in BSF-5, some regions, in particular Near East and Asia, are relatively under-represented in this project cycle, both, in terms of the number of eligible pre-proposals submitted and number of projects approved. The Committee requested the Secretariat to discuss this matter with the National Focal Points of these regions in order to identify possible measures that could be taken to encourage the submission of more pre-proposals from these regions in future project cycles.

Guidance for the next steps in the Fifth Call for Proposals

15. The Committee requested the Secretary to formally notify the successful applicants of the decision of the Committee.

16. The Committee requested the Secretariat to follow up with the applicants of the project proposals identified by the Panel of Experts that need to further improve and refine the project proposals and eliminate the financial gap by revising and streamlining the respective project budgets. The Committee requested the Secretariat to keep it updated regarding this process in order to ensure that the financial gap is eliminated in an efficient and effective manner.

17. The Committee requested the Secretariat to take into consideration the recommendations set out in paragraphs 25-27 of the Final Report of the Panel of Experts and provide support to the projects to be funded for any improvement during their inception phase.

18. The Committee requested the Secretariat to follow up with the applicant institutions from Madagascar and Armenia, in order to better understand the constraints they faced in developing a full proposal, and to discuss possibilities that may help to source alternative funding, such as the development of a full project proposal that could receive a certificate of excellence, while being clear that such alternative funding is not guaranteed.

19. The Committee also requested the Secretariat to provide a certificate of excellence and feedback, based on the comments provided by the Panel of Experts and the Secretariat during the appraisal process, to those applicant institutions that were invited to develop a full project proposal but not selected to receive funding.

20. Finally, the Committee requested the Secretariat to publish the list of approved project proposals and the relevant decisions of the Committee on the website of the Treaty.

Guidance for future project cycles of the Benefit-sharing Fund

21. The Committee requested the Secretariat to take into consideration the recommendations set out in paragraphs 28-32 of the Final Report of the Panel of Experts for the planning and management of future project cycles, and identify means and opportunities to increase efficiency, inclusiveness and accessibility to the Benefit-sharing Fund. It requested the Secretariat to prepare a brief analysis of lessons learned from process of the Fifth Call for Proposals in order to enable the continuous improvements of the BSF project cycles.

22. The Committee recommended that the role of the National Focal Points be further strengthened throughout the different stages of the call for proposals, including in project implementation. It also recommended that greater participation and awareness raising on the Treaty and the BSF is needed, especially among the National Focal Points of under-represented countries in the BSF. There should be broader dissemination of future funding opportunities within the BSF, in order to reach out to a wider range of organizations working on Treaty implementation, especially among national organisations.

ITEM 4: RESOURCE MOBILIZATION: UPDATE ON RESOURCE MOBILISATION WORK-STREAMS OF THE OPERATIONAL PLAN

Update on FAO's ongoing work under GEF-8 and recent developments in GEF and agrobiodiversity programming

23. Senior Coordinator of FAO's GEF Unit in the Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, Mr. Jeffrey Griffin, gave a presentation on FAO's ongoing work and latest developments under GEF Programmes, in particular the Eighth Replenishment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF-8). He highlighted some developments of relevance to the Treaty within GEF-8, including the rolling out of the New Food System Integrated Program which is led by FAO, and targets 22 countries, as well as a renewed Small Grants Program, which prioritizes sustainable agriculture actions at community level and has the potential to build synergies with the Benefit-sharing Fund. He also updated the Committee on the planned establishment of a Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) Fund that will be created in response to the request of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its Fifteenth Meeting (COP-15) for the GEF to establish, in 2023, a special trust fund to support the implementation of the GBF.
24. Mr. Griffin recalled FAO's long involvement in agrobiodiversity projects and highlighted that the current trend within GEF is towards integrating crop diversity actions into larger landscape/integrated programmes rather than having stand-alone projects. He highlighted the example of a FAO-led Sustainable Forest Management Impact Program on Dryland Sustainable Landscapes (DSL-IP) which is funded by GEF-7 with a USD 104,500,000 grant (and USD 180,000,000 in co-financing). FAO collaborated with the Treaty Secretariat in the program design for the Miombo/Mopane ecoregion in Southern Africa, leveraging the Treaty's experience of implementing projects under the Benefit-sharing Fund and connecting with the BSF's network of partners in the region. This program integrates a work-stream on Community Seed Banks which includes actions to support Treaty implementation and the provision of a regional knowledge hub based on experience gained through the Benefit-sharing Fund. A representative from the Treaty Secretariat is a member of FAO's Global and Regional Coordination Technical Project Task Force for the program. Mr. Griffin noted that the GEF unit will explore further opportunities to build on the DSL-IP experience and to include the agrobiodiversity actions in other GEF programs, including in those projects being prepared under the food systems program over the coming months.
25. The Committee encouraged the continued collaboration between FAO's GEF Unit and the Treaty Secretariat and welcomed the proposal of further discussions to explore how the agrobiodiversity could be integrated in and contribute to FAO's future GEF programs. The Committee also encouraged FAO to engage with national partners in the development of projects for the mutually supportive implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and the International Treaty, as called for in the GEF-8 programming directions.
26. The Committee also acknowledged the need to strengthen coordination between National Focal Points of the International Treaty and of the GEF, at the country level, in the process of developing GEF projects.

Update on resource mobilization initiatives of the Global Crop Diversity Trust

27. The Executive Director of the Global Crop Diversity Trust (Crop Trust), Mr Stefan Schmitz, and the Director of the External Affairs, Mr. Hannes Dempewolf, provided updates to the Committee on the work of the Crop Trust as well as progress in its resource mobilisations efforts. They also highlighted some initiatives currently being undertaken jointly with the Secretariat of the International Treaty.
28. The Committee thanked the Crop Trust for the comprehensive update it provided to the Committee, and welcomed the update on the joint Treaty and Crop Trust funding facilities of the Emergency Reserve and the short-term support for international collections.
29. The Committee took note of the proposed Global Genebank Summit, being organised in collaboration with the Treaty Secretariat, and planned to take place in Berlin, on 14 November 2023, and noted that the intention is to share outcome of the Summit with the Governing Body, at its Tenth Session. It also noted that while the focus of the Summit is on ex situ conservation, the Secretariat should explore the possibility of using the opportunity to share information on the BSF and related projects, and to show how it complements other funding mechanisms.

30. The Committee commended the joint efforts of the Treaty and the Crop Trust in working with FAO's emergency team on an initiative to rescue the very valuable collections in Ukraine and safeguard the Ukrainian Plant Genetic Resources System, and the ongoing plans to subsequently rehabilitate it in a rational and efficient manner. It requested the Secretariat and the Crop Trust to look into possible support through the Emergency Reserve for Sudan, should it be needed, and to also consider providing support to areas affected by natural disaster, such as the recent cyclone in Malawi. It welcomed the proposal to undertake a lessons learned exercise based upon the experiences from Yemen, Ukraine and Cyclone Idai emergency project to further inform the operations of the Emergency Reserve and responses to emergency disaster situations affecting PGRFA more generally.

Highlights of the recently adopted Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) of relevance to the work and mandate of the Funding Committee

31. The Committee took note of the request of the Bureau of the Tenth Session of the Governing Body, at its meeting in March 2023, for intersessional subsidiary bodies of the Treaty to consider the possible implications of the outcomes of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of Parties to the CBD (COP 15), in particular the adoption of the GBF for the work of the International Treaty in their respective areas of work, with the view to making relevant observations and recommendations for consideration by the Governing Body at its Tenth Session. The Secretary advised that such observations will be included in a consolidated document that captures inputs from all subsidiary bodies on the GBF elements considered relevant to their work, and submitted to GB-10.

32. The Committee thanked the Secretary for the highlights provided on points of relevance to the work and mandate of the Funding Committee, noting that the adoption of the GBF and related decisions, as well as the COP Decisions made on its implementation, provide significant opportunities for the implementation of the Funding Strategy. It noted that biodiversity is high on the agenda of many countries as a result of the GBF's adoption, presenting a further opportunity to strengthen Treaty implementation and for Contracting Parties to include the Treaty in the updating of their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs).

33. The Committee noted the opportunities for increased visibility and funding of PGRFA, and of the Treaty and biodiversity in general, as well as for streamlining monitoring and review of the funding strategy, including those related to measuring non-monetary benefit-sharing.

34. It noted that the COP decision on Digital Sequence Information (DSI) specifically mentioned that lessons may be learned from the Treaty's BSF and that GBF Targets 4, 10, 13, 15 and 19 are of particular relevance for the work of the Treaty and SFC.

Update on PGRFA in national plans, budgets and priorities

35. The Committee recalled that the Funding Strategy and Operational Plan calls for the Secretariat to use information about the results of integration of PGRFA in national budgets and priorities to develop strategic tools that National Focal Points and others could use to leverage new resources and to establish a network of Treaty enabling partners which have successfully integrated PGRFA in larger sustainable development and climate change programmes, and to share the lessons learned to build the capacity of others to participate in such programmes.

36. The Committee thanked the Secretariat for the update provided on the work it has undertaken so far to collect and analyse information on the integration of PGRFA in national plans, budgets and priorities, and took note of the document, IT/GB-10/SFC-7/23/Inf.4, *Integration of PGRFA in national development plans, budgets and priorities for donor support and external funding*, and the proposed next steps it contains.

37. The Committee encouraged the Secretariat to continue to take forward the work in this area, noting that it is extremely timely to undertake this work at a time when many Contracting Parties will be revising and updating their NBSAPs, and that National Focal Points and others will benefit from having access to information and strategic tools that help them integrate PGRFA into biodiversity planning and priority-setting.

Update on the Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy

38. The Secretariat provided an update to the Committee on the Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy and its preliminary plans to organise a business forum prior to GB-10 to engage the food processing industry and initiate a positive narrative among food system actors on the importance of PGRFA.
39. The Committee requested that the Secretariat provide information on the plans for a business forum in writing, and share it with the Committee for feedback.

ITEM 5: MONITORING AND REVIEW: REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE OPERATIONAL PLAN

Steps towards a methodology for measuring Non-Monetary Benefit-sharing (NMBS)

40. The Committee recalled that, in line with its terms of reference, a milestone in the Operational Plan for the Funding Strategy 2020-2025 refers to the development of a methodology for measuring non-monetary benefit-sharing during the biennium 2022-2023. The development of this methodology by the Committee during the 2022–2023 Biennium is also noted in paragraph 28 of Resolution 4/2022.
41. The Secretariat recalled that the basis for this initiative was the request made by the Governing Body at its Seventh Session to integrate measures to promote the delivery of non-monetary benefit-sharing in the updated Funding Strategy. It further noted that the then *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilisation recognised the importance of non-monetary benefit-sharing as an element of the Funding Strategy and programmatic approach and, at its Tenth meeting, suggested non-monetary benefit-sharing to be further integrated into the Funding Strategy through elaborating links with the Funding Strategy and how to promote its delivery.
42. The Secretariat introduced the steps towards the development of the methodology, as reflected in the document, IT/GB-10/SFC-7/23/Inf.5, with a view to presenting the Committee with a first draft of the methodology at its September meeting.
43. The Committee welcomed the progress made so far and invited the Secretariat to maximize the synergies with existing reporting mechanisms and processes, noting, in particular, the reporting by Contracting Parties on Article 13.2 of the International Treaty (i.e., on exchange of information, access to and transfer of technology and capacity building) under the Compliance Procedures.
44. The Committee recommended that the Secretariat follow a broad and inclusive approach to non-monetary benefit-sharing so as to reflect facilitated access to germplasm and other benefit-sharing practices beyond the three categories listed under Article 13.2. It also recommended to design a methodology that would minimize administrative burden and costs and allow, where possible, for financial quantifications of benefits and the comparison of such quantifications. It noted that work on this area may provide opportunities for building synergies with the development of indicators for non-monetary benefit-sharing being developed to monitor the implementation of the GBF.
45. The Committee thanked the Secretariat for the presentation and took note of the document, IT/GB-10/SFC-7/23/Inf.5, *Measuring Non-Monetary Benefit-Sharing: Steps Towards a Methodology*.

Review and update of the Operational Plan of the Funding Strategy 2020 - 2025

46. The Committee recalled that paragraph 44 of the Funding Strategy calls for it to develop an Operational Plan for the implementation of the Funding Strategy that will be reviewed and updated on a biennial basis.
47. The Secretariat presented the document, IT/GB-10/ SFC-7/23/4, *Review and update: Operational Plan for the Funding Strategy 2020-2025*, highlighting a number of developments in the operational, fiscal and policy environment since the adoption of the Funding Strategy that may be relevant for the Committee to consider in updating the Operational Plan.
48. The Committee took note of the proposed next steps for updating the Operational Plan contained in the document and requested the Secretariat to work with the Co-Chairs to update the Operational Plan and provide a draft to the Committee at its eighth meeting.
49. In doing so, it requested that consideration is given to expanding the proposed steps under *Focus Area 1: Resource Mobilisation* to reflect the discussions of the Committee on opportunities arising from the

adoption of the GBF. It also recommended that consideration is given to the inclusion of resource mobilisation activities to encourage contributions to BSF-6, including means to enhance more regional balance in contributions.

ITEM 6: FUTURE WORK OF THE FUNDING COMMITTEE

50. The Committee discussed a proposal for arrangements in the year ahead to enable its work to continue, and agreed to the following meeting for 2023:

SFC-8 (virtual) - 20-22 September

- Finalisation of updated Operational Plan
- Methodology for measuring Non-Monetary Benefit-sharing
- SFC report to GB-10

51. The Committee requested that resource mobilisation for BSF-6 be considered in the Operational Plan or discussed as a separate item at the SFC-8 meeting. It also noted that a reflection on the process for the enhancement of the Multilateral System and the possibilities for interface with the work of this Committee could be considered at this meeting as part of the updating of the Operational Plan.

52. The Committee noted that in finalising its Report to GB-10, that it should take stock of the requests made of the Committee by GB-9 and, if necessary, request additional time to deliver them.

ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

53. No other business was discussed by the Committee.

ITEM 8: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

54. The Committee adopted the Report of its Seventh meeting.

BSF-5: List of projects approved for funding

AFRICA

ID number	Target countries	Title	Crop(s) addressed	Request funding	Duration	Organization
PR-71-M-Malawi	Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique	Harnessing grain legumes and dryland cereals genetic resource for resilient farming systems, food and nutrition security in Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique	Groundnut, Chickpea, Pigeonpea, Sorghum and Millets	600,000.00	48 months	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)
PR-95-M-Niger	Burkina Faso, Niger	La diversité des cultures: une opportunité pour les populations vulnérables à la crise sécuritaire et aux changements climatiques au Sahel	Mil (mil a chandelle, Pennisetum glaucum), gombo (Abelmoschus esculentus), Niébé (Vigna unguiculata), fonio (Digitaria exilis) et pois bambara (Vigna subterranea)	586,000.00	48 months	Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)
PR-103-M-Ethiopia	Ethiopia, Morocco, Tunisia	Revealing the Diversity of Barley Quality Traits through Synergies between On-farm Practices and Technological Innovations	Barley (Hordeum vulgare subsp. vulgare)	500,000.00	36 months	International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)
PR-69-S-Uganda*	Uganda	Harnessing Common Bean Landraces, Improved Biofortified Climbing Bean Varieties and Underutilized Climate Smart Legumes for Sustainable and Resilient Agri-food Systems in	Beans, Pigeon pea, Garden peas, Chickpeas, Lentils	249,780.00	36 months	National Agricultural Research Organization /National Crops Resources Research Institute

		Southwestern and Western Uganda				
PR-67-M-Uganda*	South Sudan, Uganda	Embracing South-South seed and knowledge sharing for resilient agroecosystems and improved livelihoods: South Sudan and Uganda	Common bean, cowpea, groundnut, Bambara nut, sorghum, Solanum species, and forages	600,000.00	36 months	National Agricultural Research Organisation - Plant Genetic Resources Centre
PR-145-M-Congo*	DRC, Burundi, Uganda	Participatory conservation and utilization of root and tuber crop genetic resources for resilient farming systems and food security in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and Uganda	Cassava, Sweet potato	600,000.00	48 months	Institut Facultaire des Sciences Agronomiques de Yangambi (Agricultural University of Yangambi)
PR-25-S-Ghana	Ghana	Broadening the Genetic Base of Taro (<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>) towards Improved Yield, Disease and Drought Tolerance & Developing Market-Driven Products of Taro to enhance the Crop's Commercial and Food Security Value in Ghana	Taro	239,174.00	36 months	University Cape Coast
PR-104-M-Eswatini	Eswatini, Mozambique, Tanzania	Enhancing capacities of local communities to adapt to climate changes in Tanzania, Mozambique and Eswatini	Cucurbits, Finger millet, Sorghum, Bambara, Cowpea and Yams	600,000.00	48 months	Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority (TPHPA)

ASIA

ID number	Target countries	Title	Crop(s) addressed	Request funding	Duration	Organization
PR-90-S-Nepal	Nepal	Enhancing conservation and utilization of plant genetic resources in Nepal for food and nutrition security under unpredictable environmental conditions	amaranths, buckwheat, millets, lentil, naked barley, faba bean (focusing on neglected and underutilized species) and other crops	247,500.00	48 months	National Agriculture Genetic Resources Center (Genebank)
PR-88-S-Philippines*	Philippines	Supporting and Promoting Conservation and Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in Farming Communities in the Philippines through Participatory Approaches, Traditional Variety Reintroduction, Capacity Building, Market Innovation and Digital Communication Platforms	Traditional rice varieties and indigenous vegetables	199,972.00	36 months	Institute of Crop Science
PR-89-S-Philippines*	Philippines	Engendering Access for Smallholder Farmers to Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture for Conservation and Sustainable Use	Traditional rice, corn, sweet potato, potato, cocoyam, kayos (dioscorea hispida), banana, cassava, vegetables (eggplant, squash, stringbean, winged bean)	250,000.00	24 months	SEARICE
PR-54-S-LaoPDR	LaoPDR	Enhancing the capacity of smallholder farmers to	taro, sweet potato, yam	250,000.00	36 months	NAFRI

		improve productivities and value-added of root/tuber crops for commercialization and sustainable development				
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EUROPE

ID number	Target countries	Title	Crop(s) addressed	Request funding	Duration	Organization
PR-173-S-Georgia	Georgia	Strengthening linkages between <i>in-situ/on-farm</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation of local PGRFA from Georgia and use for adaptation to climate change	Wheat, bean, maize	250,000.00	48 months	LEPL Scientific Research center of Agriculture (SRCA)

GRULAC

ID number	Target countries	Title	Crop(s) addressed	Request funding	Duration	Organization
PR-23-S-ElSalvador	El Salvador	Bancos comunitarios de semillas resilientes al corredor seco oriental de El Salvador	maíz, sorgo, frijol, camote y jícama	250,000.00	36 months	Centro Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria y Forestal CENTA
PR-157-M-Uruguay*	Bolivia, Paraguay, Perú, Uruguay	Articulación regional para el acceso y utilización de recursos fitogenéticos adaptados a los sistemas de producción familiar de Bolivia, Paraguay, Perú y Uruguay	quinoa, papa, mandioca (cassava), manzana, durazno (pesco), pera, ciruela (prugna), lotus y festuca	585,000.00	36 months	Confederación de Organizaciones de Productores Familiares del MERCOSUR ampliado (COPROFAM)

PR-131-S-Chile	Chile	Identificación y reintroducción de recursos genéticos de legumbres con tolerancia sequía y enfermedades que contribuyan a la seguridad alimentaria y adaptabilidad al cambio climático en la agricultura familiar campesina del secano interior de Chile	Poroto, chícharo (peas) y lenteja	235,020.00	48 months	Instituto de investigaciones Agropecuarias
PR-27-M-Peru*	Bolivia, Chile, Peru	Youth, Citizen Science and E-commerce: scaling integrated conservation solutions and farmers' rights by connecting key diversity hotspots: Bolivia, Chile, and Peru	potato, maize, quinoa	600,000.00	36 months	International Potato Center (CIP), Andean Initiative
PR-108-S-Peru*	Peru	Agrobiodiversity Zones as a genetic resources hotspot and resilient agrifood systems in the Andes of Peru	Four Andean tubers (potato, oca, mashua, olluco) and four Andean cereals (quinoa, cañihua, kiwicha and tarwi)	250,000.00	48 months	Instituto Nacional de Innovación Agraria – INIA, Peru
PR-141-M-Jamaica	Jamaica, Antigua & Barbuda, St. Lucia	Next Generation Sweet Potato Production in the Caribbean	sweet potato (Ipomoea)	596,993.00	48 months	Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
PR-147-S-Panama	Panama	Establecimiento de bancos comunitarios de semilla de variedades locales y mejoradas en siete	arroz, maíz, frijol vigna, frijol phaseolus, ñame, ñampí, camote y plátano	49,901.00	48 months	Instituto de Innovación Agropecuaria de Panamá/ Cosecha Sostenibles

		comunidades del norte de la provincia de Coclé. Panamá.				Internacional-Panamá (SHI)
PR-154-S-Brazil*	Brazil	Support network for local conservation (in situ/on farm) of plant genetic resources in Brazil and integration with Embrapa genebanks	Rice, maize, common bean, lima bean, cowpea, cassava, potato, sweet potato	198,716.00	36 months	Embrapa Recursos Genéticos e Biotecnologia

NEAR EAST

ID number	Target countries	Title	Crop(s) addressed	Request funding	Duration	Organization
PR-41-M-Türkiye	Algeria, Iran, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, Türkiye	Improving food security in West Asia and North Africa by identifying and promoting climate resilient wheat varieties resistant to soil borne pathogens	Wheat	600,000.00	48 months	CIMMYT (Turkey)
PR-56-S-Yemen	Yemen	Scaling up community resilience to climate variability and change by promoting community based conservation, utilization and management for PGR with a special focus on women and children in Yemen	Sorghum, Wheat, Barley, Maize, Millet, Bean, Pea, Lentil	244,400.00	36 months	National Genetic Resources Center (NGRC)

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ID number	Target countries	Title	Crop(s) addressed	Request funding	Duration	Organization
PR-59-S-PapuaNewGuinea	Papua New Guinea	Raising the profile of breadfruit production in coastal and island food systems in PNG	Breadfruit	248,529.00	48 months	PNG National Agricultural Research Institute
PR-102-S-Fiji	Fiji	Increasing PGRFA diversity through agroforestry for social-cultural-economic and ecological benefits of 100 farmers in Fiji	Breadfruit, coconut, citrus, major aroids, yams, cassava, banana/plantain, beans, piper methysticum, edible ferns, sacchurum edule, and other local nuts, fruits, indigenous fruit trees	250,000.00	36 months	Ministry of forestry

2nd PHASE

ID number	Target countries	Title	Crop(s) addressed	Request funding	Duration	Organization
PR-135-M-Kenya*	Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania	Enabling and scaling Open-Source Seed Systems of Beans Sorghum and Finger millet for climate change adaptation in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania	Beans, Sorghum, Finger millet	600,000.00	48 months	Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT
PR-06-M-Guatemala	Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica	Uso sostenible de la agrobiodiversidad en comunidades indígenas y campesinas de Centroamérica: Una estrategia para la seguridad	Maíz, Frijol, Papa, Sorgo	599,997.00	36 months	Asociación de Organizaciones de los Cuchumatanes (ASOCUCH)

		alimentaria y adaptación climática				
PR-87-M-Zimbabwe	Lesotho, Malawi, Zimbabwe	Strengthening the conservation and sustainable use and management of selected climate resilient PGRFA to enhance smallholder farmer livelihoods	Sorghum, pearl millet, finger millet, beans, sunflower, pigeon peas, cow peas, potato	599,680.00	42 months	Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT)

Appendix 2

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Agenda**INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE****SEVENTH MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE
FUNDING STRATEGY AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION****3 – 5 May 2023****AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda and timetable
3. Benefit-sharing Fund Operations: Fifth project cycle
4. Resource Mobilization: Update on Resource Mobilisation work-streams of the Operational Plan
5. Monitoring and Review: Review and update of the Operational Plan
6. Future work of the Funding Committee
7. Other business
8. Adoption of the Report

Appendix 4**List of Participants**

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