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## **NOTIFICATION**

### **Digital Sequence Information / Genetic Sequence Data (DSI/GSD) Invitation to submit information on capacity building needs (Deadline: 25 June 2023)**

Dear Madam/Sir

I have the honour to draw your attention to Resolution 16/2022 of the Governing Body of the International Treaty, on the *Consideration of Digital Sequence Information / Genetic Sequence Data on Genetic Resources for the Objectives of the International Treaty*.<sup>1</sup>

By the said Resolution, the Governing Body invited Contracting Parties and stakeholders to provide information about their capacity building needs for accessing and using DSI/GSD and to share their experiences in this regard.

With this notification, I am extending the invitation to submit such information and experiences, which I will compile for the consideration of the Governing Body at its Tenth Session.

By the same Resolution, the Governing Body called on Contracting Parties and other donors with the capacity to do so to promote the provision of financial resources and technical assistance to reduce the existing gap on capacity regarding DSI/GSD. In this regard, submissions may include information on actions taken to reduce the existing gap on capacity.

In order to compile the information and inform discussions at the Tenth Session of the Governing Body, I would be grateful if all the submissions could be provided as soon as possible, but no later than **25 June 2023** by email through: [pgrfa-treaty@fao.org](mailto:pgrfa-treaty@fao.org).

In accordance with the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Governing Body, the Tenth Session will consider DSI/GSD based on my report that will cover: i) developments in all relevant international fora; ii) information on capacity building needs; iii) the possible impact of DSI/GSD on Farmers' Rights.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [www.fao.org/3/nk641en/nk641en.pdf](http://www.fao.org/3/nk641en/nk641en.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> [www.fao.org/plant-treaty/overview/mypow/en/](http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/overview/mypow/en/).

For any queries or request for further information, please contact the Secretariat of the International Treaty through: [pgrfa-treaty@fao.org](mailto:pgrfa-treaty@fao.org).

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

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

**Kent Nnadozie**  
Secretary  
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