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**International Treaty
on Plant Genetic Resources
for Food and Agriculture**

GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON FARMERS' RIGHTS

12 – 15 September 2023, New Delhi, India

INFORMATION NOTE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

Hosted by the Government of India



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I. SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

A. Venue, Date and Place of the Symposium

1. The Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights will be held in **Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium, ICAR Convention Centre**, located at the National Agricultural Science Complex (NASC), 124, Dev Prakash Shastri Marg, New Delhi, Delhi 110012.



2. The Symposium will take place from 12 to 15 September 2023. The last day will be dedicated to a field visit.
3. The Provisional Programme of the Symposium will be made available on the International Treaty's website at: www.fao.org/plant-treaty/meetings/meetings-detail/en/c/1628023/

B. Registration and Access to the Symposium

Registration of Participants

4. Interested participants and invited speakers are requested to forward their names, titles/affiliation, and addresses by e-mail to PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org. The information will be used to prepare the badges providing access to the venue.
5. Expressions of interest to participate on the Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights will be accepted until **21 July 2023**.

Collection of Badges

6. Onsite collection of badges for the Symposium will be facilitated at the venue. The collection will commence on 12 September at 8.00 hrs and will continue for the duration of the symposium. To collect the badges, all participants must show proof of identity or any other valid document.
7. For any assistance or request, please contact: +39 06 57056413 or by e-mail: PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org

Exhibition of Publications or Other Information Material

8. A number of tables will be available at the meeting venue to display promotional materials. For more information, please contact the International Treaty Secretariat at PGRFATreaty@fao.org

C. Communication with the Secretariat

8. All correspondence or requests for information related to the symposium should be addressed to the Secretariat, E-mail: PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org
9. The Secretariat provides regular updates to the information contained in this note through the meeting website at: www.fao.org/plant-treaty/meetings/meetings-detail/en/c/1628023/

II. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE SYMPOSIUM

10. The Symposium will be conducted in Arabic, English, French, Spanish, and Hindi.

III. FORMALITIES FOR ENTRY INTO INDIA: VISAS AND VACCINES

12. All foreign nationals entering India must possess a valid international travel document in the form of a national passport with a valid visa obtained from an Indian Mission or Post abroad. All individual visa seekers are requested to apply for an Indian visa through the online application to make an application for getting Indian visa. The duly signed application form completed in all respect and uploaded successfully has to be submitted at the concerned Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) or directly to the Indian Mission/Post on the scheduled interview date along with the requisite supporting documents.
13. Obtaining a visa to enter India to attend the Symposium is the responsibility of individual participants.
14. E-visa facility is available for nationals of many countries/territories. The instructions for filling the Indian visa form, and scheduling the appointment, can be sought under the section “Instructions” of the Online Visa Application website. The application form is available at: indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/
15. To facilitate obtaining your visa, send a copy of your passport to the Secretariat, Email: PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org. Your passport must have, at least, 3 months validity from the date of expected entry into India.
16. Participants are advised to apply for the “Conference Visa” when filling out the application form. Visa application should be submitted well in advance of departure. Please note that it can take up to three weeks for a visa to be issued.
17. Participants can also obtain information about their arrival at the Delhi Airport Official website at www.newdelhiairport.in/passenger-guide/arriving-passengers.
18. For the latest Covid-19 guidelines in India, please refer to the **Guidelines for International Arrivals** on the official website for the latest information: www.newdelhiairport.in/covid19.
19. Depending on the country you are coming from, a yellow fever vaccine may be needed. Online information can be found on the vaccines required and those recommended to travel to India.

IV. HOTELS

20. Participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. The list of government recommended hotels near or around the venue of the Symposium is provided in the Annex.

V. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND LUGGAGE ASSISTANCE

21. Participants are responsible for arranging their own transport service from the airport to their respective hotels. Participants are advised to use only the authorised taxi services available from the taxi ranks in front of the airport terminal building. As many hotels offer shuttle service, participants may also wish to contact their chosen hotel directly to arrange for this.
22. The host government will provide transportation from the recommended/designated hotels to the venue of the Symposium at appointed times in the morning, and back to the hotels after the close of proceedings on each day of the Symposium. Participants are advised to inform the Secretariat of which the hotels they are staying so that adequate arrangements can be made.
23. If a participant loses his or her luggage, a dedicated travel/information desk will be available at the Symposium venue during the meeting to assist with the tracking.

VI. HEALTH SAFETY AND SECURITY

24. First aid and emergency services, including ambulance service, will be available at the Conference Centre.

VII. PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON INDIA

25. India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world, with a kaleidoscopic variety and rich cultural heritage. It has achieved all-around socio-economic progress during the last 75 years of its Independence.
26. Located in the southern part of Asia, India is flanked by Pakistan, Nepal, Myanmar, Bhutan, China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the Bay of Bengal. Some of India's most striking geographical features include the Himalayan mountain range to the north, the fertile Indo-Gangetic plains covering the country's northern and eastern parts, the Thar Desert in the west, and the Deccan plateau in the southern region.

Weather

27. The climate in India varies from temperate in the northern parts of the country to tropical monsoon in the southern parts. India's rainy season generally begins from the second week of July and continues up to the second week of October. From the second week of June, a humid monsoon enters various parts of India and causes rainfall everywhere in the Country. The temperature range during September is expected to be between 22 and 36 degrees Celsius.

Languages

28. The principal official languages of the country are Hindi and English.

Currency

29. The local currency in India is the Indian Rupees (sign: ₹; code: INR). Current exchange rate for the US Dollar is 82,02 Indian Rupees (INR).

Tipping

30. For street food, no tipping is required. At restaurants, tips amount around 7 percent to 10 percent of the bill and may be paid if one chooses to.

Time

31. The time in India is GMT+5:30. One can use an online time zone converter to check the time in various cities at the same time: www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html

Electricity Supply

32. In India, the power plugs and sockets are of types C, D and M. See the pictures below. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. Electric appliances can be used in India if the standard voltage in your country is between 220 - 240 V (as is in the UK, Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa).



33. If the standard voltage in your country is 100 V - 127 V (as in the US, Canada and most South American countries), a voltage converter will be necessary in India. You can also consider a combined power plug adapter/voltage converter.

Telephone Services

34. Telephone Country Code +91. When calling an Indian phone number from outside the country, the country code of +91 needs to be entered, followed by the Indian area code and a local (or mobile) number to complete the call. When calling from a landline, replace the + sign with 0011 followed by 91 (Indian country code) and then the Indian area code and local number. Please note that the Delhi area code is 011.
35. Wi-Fi will be provided free at the Convention Centre and available in most hotels, specially arranged for the delegates.

List of recommended hotels

	Hotel and Contact details		Approx. Distance from the venue (km)	Approx. rate during conference period
1.		<p>Jaypee Vasant Continental Hotel Basant Lok, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, Delhi 110057 Contact: +91-11-460088000 Email: reservations.jvc@jaypeehotels.com</p> <p>Contact Person: Sweta Verma Contact No.: 9871790285 Email.: shwetav@jaypeehotels.com</p>	15.4	\$128+tax
2.		<p>The Ashok 50, Niti Marg, Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, Delhi 110021 Contact: ++91-11-24123474 Email: ashokrooms@theashokgroup.com</p> <p>Contact Person: Mr. Kamlesh Kumar Contact no.: +91-11-24123474, Mob.-+91-9871360247 Email: ashokrooms@itdc.co.in</p>	9.4	\$147+tax
3.		<p>The Lalit Fire Brigade Lane, Barakhamba, New Delhi, Delhi 110001 Contact: Tel: +91-11- 4444 7777 Email: delresv@thelalit.com.</p> <p>Contact Person: Abhinav Virmani Contact No.: +91-11- 4444 7777 Email: abhinav.virmani@thelalit.com</p>	10.8	\$146+tax

4.		<p>Shangri-La Eros 19, Ashoka Rd, Janpath, Connaught Place, New Delhi- 110001 Contact:+91-11-41191919 Email: sld@shangri-la.com</p> <p>Contact Person: Yamini Sinha Contact No.: +91-844727670 Email: yamini.sinha@shangri-la.com</p>	9.4	\$171+tax
5.		<p>The Park 5, Sansad Marg, Hanuman Road Area, Connaught Place, New Delhi- 110001 Email: resv.del@theparkhotels.com Contact: +91-11-23743000 Extn. 1815</p> <p>Contact Person : Brajesh Narayan Singh Contact No.: 9810738933</p>	9.3	\$195+tax
6.		<p>Le Meridian Windsor Pl, Connaught Place, New Delhi, Delhi 110001 Contact: +91-11-45020200 Email: info@lemeridien-newdelhi.com</p> <p>Contact Person: Mr. Jeetendra Chopra Contact No. +91-9811317946 Email: jchopra@lemeridien-newdelhi.com</p>	9.9	\$268+tax
7.		<p>The Imperial Janpath Ln, Janpath, Connaught Place, New Delhi, Delhi 110001 Contact: +91-11- 23341234 Email: sales@theimperialindia.com</p> <p>Contact Person: Simranjeet Singh Arora Contact No. +917292010128 Email: ssarora@theimperialindia.com</p>	10.1	\$447+tax

8.		<p>ITC Maurya Sardar Patel Marg, Akhaura Block, Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, Delhi 110021 Contact: +91 0124 4816900 Email: reservations@itchotels.in</p>	8.4	\$575+tax
9.		<p>The Metropolitan Hotel & Spa Bangla Sahib Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi – 110001 Contact: 011 4250 0200 E-mail info@hotelmetdelhi.com</p>	8.6	\$609+tax