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

OPENING CEREMONY

**Tenth Session of the Governing Body
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

**Monday, 20 November 2023
10:00 am
Plenary Hall
FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy**

Programme

Welcome Remarks by Ms Yasmina El-Bahloul, Chair, Tenth Session of the Governing Body, ITPGRFA

Opening Address by Mr Qu Dongyu, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Opening Remarks by Ms Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Keynote Address by Mr David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity

Ms Catherine Bertini, Chair, Executive Board, Global Crop Diversity Trust

Ms Sonja Vermeulen, Managing Director of Genetic Innovation, CGIAR, One CGIAR

Mr Michael Keller, Secretary General, International Seed Federation

Mr Digracious Kansly Mugasho, Farmer from Uganda involved in project supported by the ITPGRFA Benefit-sharing Fund

Ms Sophie Healy Thow, Global Youth Campaigns Coordinator, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Mr Dan Leskien, Acting Secretary, Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, FAO

Mr Kent Nnadozie, Secretary, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, FAO

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