



**Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations**



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

Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda

TENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Rome, Italy, 20–24 November 2023

List of Observers

Executive Summary

As established under Article 19.5 of the Treaty, any “body or agency, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, which has informed the Secretary of the Treaty of its wish to be represented as an observer at a session of the Governing Body, may be admitted unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present object”. The Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body provides that “such observers may, upon invitation of the Chairperson, participate without the right to vote in sessions of the Governing Body on matters of direct concern to the body or agency they represent unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present at the session object”.¹

The Rules of Procedure further foresee that “before the opening of a session of the Governing Body the Secretary will circulate a list of observers who have requested approval to be represented at the session”.²

The following bodies and agencies have requested approval to be represented at the Tenth Session of the Governing Body of the Treaty. The organizations that have requested to be admitted as observers for the first time are highlighted in bold letters.

¹ Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, Rule VII.2.

² Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, Rule VII.4.

Observers have requested approval to be represented at the Tenth Session

1. Action Jeunesse pour le Développement (AJED)
2. African Centre for Biodiversity (ACBIO)
3. African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA)
4. Asociación de Organizaciones de los Cuchumatanes (ASOCUCH)
5. **Centre for Environmental Policy and Advocacy (CEPA)**
6. Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT)
7. **Congo Recycle Platform**
8. **European Coordination Lets Liberate Diversity ! (ECLLD)**
9. Euroseeds
10. Federation of Seed Industry of India
11. FIAN International
12. Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI)
13. German Plant Breeders' Association
14. International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC)
15. International Seed Federation (ISF)
16. International Seed Testing Association (ISTA)
17. Interprofessionnel des Semences et plants, France (SEMAE)
18. **Leibniz DSMZ Institute**
19. **Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research (IPK)**
20. Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD)
21. M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation
22. **Nazbi Sayor**
23. Oxfam Novib
24. Pro Specie Rara
25. **Rural Community Development Programme (RCDP)**
26. **San Diego Botanic Garden**
27. **Seed and Knowledge Initiative (SKI)**
28. **Seed Savers Network, Kenya**
29. Southeast Asian Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE)
30. **SWEDBIO**
31. SWISSAID
32. The Development Fund (DF)
33. Universidad Católica Boliviana
34. **Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED)**
35. **Università degli Studi di Perugia**
36. Università Politecnica delle Marche
37. Université Catholique de Louvain
38. University of Cape Town
39. **University of the Basque Country**
40. **University Sabaragamuwa**
41. Vrije Universiteit Brussel
42. **World Farmers Markets Coalition**
43. **Zambia Alliance for Agroecology and Biodiversity (ZAAB)**