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From Seeds to Solutions, Safeguarding Our Future

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

20 – 24 November 2023 | Rome, Italy

Biodiversity is the basis of life on Earth. It is fundamental to human existence and well-being and a healthy planet. But it has been on an alarming decline.

The adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) marks a watershed moment in universal recognition of the biodiversity loss crisis and the global resolve to safeguard it before it is too late. **Safeguarding our future is only possible by safeguarding all life forms on our planet, including seeds.**

Conserving the genetic diversity of seeds and other plant genetic resources, upon which the world depends for food, nutrition and agriculture is an essential component of this effort.

Seeds open the way to innovative solutions that can help safeguard our collective future. They contain traits that enable crops to withstand tough conditions like drought. This is indispensable as we find ways to feed the world sustainably in the face of climate change.

[The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture](#) works with farmers, plant breeders and policy-makers

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around the world to save, share and take care of the seeds and other plant materials that feed us all.

The Governing Body (GB) of the International Treaty is the global forum for PGRFA, which meets biennially. The Tenth Session (GB-10) will take place at FAO HQ in Rome, Italy, from 20-24 November 2023. The theme of the session is *“From Seeds to Innovative Solutions, Safeguarding Our Future: Contributing to the Implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework for Sustainable Food Systems.”*

The Session will bring together delegates from 151 Contracting Parties (member countries and the European Union), plus experts, observers, non-governmental organizations, scientists, farmers’ representatives and other international organizations. GB-10 will make a series of decisions for the future work and activities of the International Treaty. The Session will be preceded by two days of regional and inter-regional consultations, and a Special Event on the theme of the Session on 20 November.

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Key participants at GB-10 Inauguration & Opening include:

H.E. Qu Dongyu, Director-General, FAO

Mr David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity

Ms Yasmina El Bahloul (Morocco), Chair of the Governing Body Government delegations from 151 Contracting Parties and other FAO Members

Farmers’ Organizations, NGOs, Civil Society Organizations, etc.

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Where and when: 20-24 November 2023 / Opening Ceremony at 10:00 am in the Plenary Hall, FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

Simultaneous interpretation available: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be provided during this session.

The Opening Ceremony and Plenary sessions will be open to the media.

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The **Opening Session** will also be [live-streamed](#).