



Food and Agriculture
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The International Treaty
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

RESOLUTION 13/2019

MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Recalling Resolution 13/2017;

Noting that the purpose of the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) is to plan and structure the implementation of the International Treaty and the work of the Governing Body in a coherent and integrated manner, and to highlight the expected major outputs and milestones to be achieved of the respective Sessions of the Governing Body;

1. *Thanks* the Bureau and the Secretary for preparing the draft MYPOW and those Contracting Parties that provided inputs in the process of its preparation;
2. *Adopts* the MYPOW as contained in the Annex to this Resolution;
3. *Decides* to review the MYPOW at each Session of the Governing Body and update it, to address evolving needs, as necessary;

CONSIDERATION OF “DIGITAL SEQUENCE INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 13/2017

4. *Thanks* those Contracting Parties, other governments, relevant stakeholders and individuals that provided information on, inter alia, terminology used in this area, actors involved with “digital sequence information” on plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;
5. *Notes* the work being done on “digital sequence information” in the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA);
6. *Requests* the Secretary to continue following the discussions on “digital sequence information” in other fora and to continue coordinating with the Secretariats of the CBD and the CGRFA in any related activities in order to ensure coherence and avoid duplication of efforts;
7. *Requests* the Secretary to inform the Governing Body at its Ninth Session of the state of discussions and outcomes of the related processes in the CBD and in the CGRFA as they relate to the potential implications of the use of “digital sequence information” on genetic resources for the objectives of the International Treaty;

CONSIDERATION OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND INTERSESSIONAL PROCESSES

8. *Requests* that the Bureau of the Ninth Session, with the support of the Secretary, conduct the review of subsidiary bodies and intersessional processes, building upon the elements of the *Reference Note on Subsidiary Bodies and Intersessional Processes* provided for this Eighth Session, with a view to providing recommendations, including on coordination among subsidiary bodies and avoiding duplication of efforts, for the consideration of the Governing Body at its Ninth Session.

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2020–2025

MAJOR OUTPUTS AND MILESTONES

The main function of the Governing Body is to promote the full implementation of the International Treaty, keeping in view of its objectives. The purpose of the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) is to plan and structure the work of the Governing Body in a coherent and integrated manner to advance the implementation of the International Treaty, highlighting key issues for consideration and the expected major outputs and milestones to be achieved at the respective sessions of the Governing Body. The MYPoW will be reviewed and updated at each session, as needed, based on the decisions of the Governing Body.

	9th Session (2021)	10th Session (2023)	11th Session (2025)
Conservation and Sustainable Use of PGRFA (Art 5&6)	Review the decisions taken at the Eighth Session		
Farmers' Rights (Art 9)	Review of the decisions taken at the Eighth Session on Article 9 Review options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights		
Multilateral System (Art 10-13)	Review report of the 4 th project cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund	Presentation of a report on availability of material	
Global Information System (Art 17)	Review of the Programme of Work on the Global Information System (2016–2022)	Consideration of Programme of Work on the Global Information System (2023–xxxx)	Report on the implementation of the PoW on the Global Information System
Funding Strategy (Art 18)			Review of the Funding Strategy
Compliance (Art 21) & National Reporting	Presentation of Outlook Report on the Implementation of the International Treaty on PGRFA	Review of the analysis of 2nd national reports	
Other Items	Stock taking of SDG Goals 2 & 15 related to PGRFA Contribution to Third State of the World's PGRFA Consideration of inputs for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework Consideration of the status of the science-based process on 'DSI' of the CBD, and the discussions of the CGRFA on 'DSI' in relation to PGRFA as decided at its 17 th Regular Session Consideration of additional inputs from Contracting Parties on "digital sequence information" Consideration of updates by the Secretary on CBD and CGRFA processes on "digital sequence information"	Presentation of Third State of the World's PGRFA Consideration of potential implications of the use of "digital sequence information" on PGRFA for the objectives of the International Treaty	