



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



The International Treaty
**ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda

NINTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

New Delhi, India, 19–24 September 2022

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 Ninth 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

- 1) Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group)
- 2) African Centre for Biodiversity (ACBIO)
- 3) Asociación de Organizaciones de los Cuchumatanes (ASOCUCH)
- 4) Bread for the World
- 5) **Catholic Agency for Overseas Development for England and Wales (CAFOD)**
- 6) China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (CBCGDF)
- 7) Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT)
- 8) DivSeek International Network
- 9) Euroseeds
- 10) **Federation of Seed Industry of India**
- 11) Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI)
- 12) **Global Seed Savers**
- 13) Groupement National Interprofessionnel des Semences et plants (GNIS ‘ SEMEA)
- 14) **Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR)**
- 15) International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC)
- 16) International Seed Federation (ISF)
- 17) Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD)
- 18) M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation
- 19) Marine Ecosystem Protected Area Trust (MEPA)
- 20) **National Academy of Agricultural Sciences of India**
- 21) Oxfam Novib
- 22) ProSpecieRara
- 23) Southeast Asian Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE)
- 24) SWISSAID
- 25) The Development Fund (DF)
- 26) Third World Network
- 27) **Universidad Católica Boliviana “San Pablo”**
- 28) Université Catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain)
- 29) **Universiteit Brussel (VUB - PREC)**
- 30) **University of Cape Town**
- 31) **Wikifarmer**