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# COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

### Sixth Session

Rome, 14-16 November 2012

### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

#### 1. Election of the Chair, the Vice-Chair(s) and the Rapporteur

In accordance with its statutes, “the Working Group shall elect its Chairperson and one or more Vice-Chairpersons from among the representatives of Members of the Working Group at the beginning of each session. These officers shall remain in office until the next session of the Working Group and shall be eligible for re-election”. The Working Group may also wish to appoint a Rapporteur.

#### 2. Adoption of the annotated agenda and timetable

A provisional timetable is given in the Appendix to the present document, for consideration by the Working Group.

#### 3. Implementation of the *Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*

##### 3.1 Review of indicators, including higher-order indicators, reporting format and targets for monitoring the implementation of the *Second Global Plan of Action*

With the adoption of the *Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Second GPA), the Commission at its Thirteenth Regular Session requested FAO to review the existing indicators and identify or develop higher-order indicators which could enable stakeholders at all levels to effectively monitor the implementation of the Second GPA. The document *Targets and indicators for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/2) provides information on the review of existing indicators and reporting format and the development of targets and related, "higher-order" indicators. It contains the *Draft indicators for monitoring the implementation of the Second GPA (Appendix I)* and *Draft targets*

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and indicators for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (Appendix II). The draft reporting format for monitoring the implementation of the Second GPA is given in *Reporting format for monitoring the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/Inf.1). The Working Group is requested to review these elements and provide recommendations to the Commission on their further development.

### **3.2 FAO activities in support of the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

At its Thirteenth Regular Session, the Commission agreed on the *Second Global Plan of Action on Plant and Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Second GPA) and requested the preparation of a Synthetic Account of the Second GPA. The Commission further encouraged follow-up activities on a number of priority activities including *in situ* conservation and on-farm management, plant breeding, diversification and use of underutilised crops, seeds systems, national strategy development, updating of the National Information Sharing Mechanisms and the GPA Facilitating Mechanism. The document *FAO activities in support of the implementation of the Second Global Plan of Action on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/3) provides information on the ongoing work in these areas, including country assistance, preparation of tools and guidelines, networks and collaboration. The *Draft Guide for National Seed Policy Formulation* is provided in CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/Inf.3. The Working Group is requested to provide guidance with regards to the implementation of the priority activities of the Second GPA, and call for necessary financial resources to ensure continuity of this work.

## **4. Review of the draft updated Genebank Standards**

The Commission at its Thirteenth Regular Session, requested FAO in cooperation with partners to prepare draft genebank standards for germplasm not covered by the *Draft Revised Genebank Standards for the Conservation of Orthodox Seeds*, as well as to include standard on 'evaluation' for orthodox seeds. The document *Revision of the Draft Genebank Standards for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/4) provides information on the preparation, structure and content of standards for conservation of orthodox seeds, non-orthodox seeds and vegetatively-propagated plants as contained in *Appendix I (Draft Genebank Standards for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture)*. The Working Group is requested to review and finalize the genebank standards, for endorsement by the Commission at its Fourteenth Regular Session, recommend their wide distribution and urge that necessary budgetary resources are made available for their implementation.

## **5. Process for the preparation of The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

The Commission, at its Thirteenth Regular Session, agreed that it would review the preparatory process for *The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Third Report) at its Fourteenth Session. The document *Preparation of The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/5) informs on the proposed preparation process with a time-line and format that links it closely to the monitoring of the Second GPA. The *Draft strategic plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture 2014-2021* is provided in CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/Inf.2. The Working Group is requested to review the proposal for submission to the Commission for its consideration at its next session.

## **6. Status and trends in the conservation and use of micro-organisms and invertebrates in rice and root crop-based production systems**

At its Thirteenth Regular Session, the Commission considered progress made in the review of key issues in microorganisms and invertebrates for food and agriculture, and requested its Intergovernmental Technical Working Groups to review the relevant assessments within their fields of expertise. The document *Status and trends in the conservation and use of micro-organisms and invertebrates in rice and root crop-based production systems* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/6) summarises the significance and development of the use of microorganisms and invertebrates in the field of plant genetic resources. Two Background Study Papers are provided (BSP 62 and BSP 63) which gives more detailed information on microorganisms and invertebrates in root crop-based production systems; and invertebrates in rice production systems, respectively.

## **7. Access and benefit-sharing for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture**

At its Thirteenth Regular Session, the Commission established an *Ad hoc* Technical Working Group on Access and benefit-sharing for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. The report of the first Session of the *Ad Hoc* Technical Working Group (Longyearbyen (Svalbard), Norway, 11 – 13 September 2012) shall also be made available to the Intergovernmental Technical Working Groups, for their review in their field of expertise. The report is contained in the document, *Report of the First Session of the Ad hoc Technical Working group on Access and Benefit-sharing for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/7).

## **8. Reports from international organizations and instruments**

The document *Reports from international organizations and instruments* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/8) informs of the reports presented by various international organisations and instruments with their activities related to plant genetic resources. They are contained in *Report from the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to the Intergovernmental Technical Working group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/Inf.4), *Report from the CGIAR Consortium of International Research Centres to the Intergovernmental Technical Working group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/Inf.5), *Report from the Global Crop Diversity Trust to the Intergovernmental Technical Working group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/Inf.6), *Report from the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants to the Intergovernmental Technical Working group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/Inf.7), *Report from the International Seed Federation to the Intergovernmental Technical Working group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/Inf.8) and *Report from the Global Forum of Agriculture Research to the Intergovernmental Technical Working group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/Inf.9). The Working Group is invited to recommend to the Commission that it continues to receive reports from relevant organizations and instruments to facilitate its work on plant genetic resources within the context of its Multi-Year Programme of Work and its implementation.

**APPENDIX**  
**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Working Documents</b>
<b>Wednesday, 14 November 2012, morning</b>			
10:30 – 11:30	1	Election of the Chair, the Vice-Chair(s) and the Rapporteur	
	2	Adoption of the agenda and timetable	CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/1 CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/1/Add.1
11:30 – 13:00	3	Implementation of <i>the Second Global Plan of Action of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>	
	3.1	Review of indicators, including higher-order indicators, reporting format and targets for monitoring the implementation of the <i>Second Global Plan of Action</i>	CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/2
<b>Wednesday, 14 November, 2012, afternoon</b>			
15:00 – 18:00	3.2	FAO activities in support of the implementation of the <i>Second Global Plan of Action</i>	CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/3
	4	Review of the draft updated <i>Genebank Standards</i>	CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/4

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Working Documents</b>
<b>Thursday, 15 November, 2012 morning</b>			
10:00 – 13:00	5	Process for the preparation of <i>The Third Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>	CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/5
	6	Status and trends in the conservation and use of micro-organisms and invertebrates in rice and root crop-based production systems	CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/6

<b>Thursday, 15 November, 2012, afternoon</b>			
15:00 – 18:00	7	Access and benefit-sharing for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture	CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/7
	8	Reports from international organizations and instruments	CGRFA/WG-PGR-6/12/8
	9	Other Business	

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Working Documents</b>
<b>Friday, 16 November 2012, afternoon</b>			
14:30 – 17:30	10	Adoption of the Report of the Working Group	