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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL EXPERT MEETING ON THE DRAFT SECOND STATE OF THE WORLD'S PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

1. The second *State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* under preparation by the FAO Secretariat is primarily based on Country Reports with additional information from regional analyses and scientific literature and publications. The report is being prepared under the guidance of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and will provide the technical basis for the update of the *Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*.

2. As part of the preparatory process, a Technical Expert Meeting was convened from 9 to 11 June 2009, in collaboration with Bioversity International. The aim of the meeting was to review and provide suggestions for improving the draft second *State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*. The meeting was held at the headquarters of Bioversity International at Maccaresse, Italy and was attended by 33 experts from 21 countries as well as staff from FAO, Bioversity International and the Global Crop Diversity Trust. The meeting agenda and the list of the participants are attached.

3. Following the opening of the meeting by senior representatives of FAO and Bioversity International, Dr. Shivaji Pandey, Director, AGP, and Dr. Emile Frison, Director General, Bioversity International respectively, a plenary session was held to explain the purpose of the meeting, to give an overview of the process that had been followed in developing the draft text and to explain the proposed steps for its finalization. The participants were then divided into four

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working groups and the meeting was structured so that each working group was able to independently consider and review in depth, each of the eight draft chapters. Rapporteurs recorded and collated the comments and suggestions from each of the working groups and presented a consolidated report on each chapter to a final plenary session.

4. The participants were unanimous in their overall appreciation of the document. They considered that it responded well to the request of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture for a high quality document presenting the major changes that had occurred since the publication of the first *State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*. They also considered that the draft document provided a good analysis of ongoing gaps and needs. Nevertheless, the participants identified a number of areas in all of the chapters where improvements could be made and they offered many concrete suggestions for strengthening the contents and presentation of the document for technical integrity and geographical balance..

5. The meeting concluded with a closing session at which the participants were thanked for remaining so engaged throughout the detailed review process and for their many valuable comments and suggestions. Thanks were also expressed to FAO and Bioversity International for organizing such a useful and successful meeting.

ANNEX 1

**Technical expert meeting - draft second State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources
for Food and Agriculture**

09-11 June 2009

Bioversity International – Maccarese – Italy

Provisional Agenda

Day – Time	Activity	
09 June (Tuesday)		
09:00 – 10:00	Opening remarks	Shivaji Pandey – FAO-AGP Emile Frison – Bioversity International
10:00 – 10:30	Commission's request for the preparation of the SoW-2	Dan Leskien – Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 – 11:30	Process of preparation of the SoW-2	Elcio P. Guimaraes
11:30 – 12:00	Presentation of the meeting structure	Elcio P. Guimaraes
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch at Bioversity</i>	
13:00 – 13:30	<i>Administrative information</i>	Sara Hutchinson
	Working Group Session	
13:30 – 15:15	Working groups first chapter	
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee break	
15:30 – 17:30	Working groups second chapter	
10 June (Wednesday)		
	Working Group Session	
08:30 – 10:15	Working groups third chapter	
10:15 – 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:45 – 12:30	Working groups fourth chapter	
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch at Bioversity</i>	
13:30 – 15:15	Working groups fifth chapter	
15:15 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:30 – 17:30	Working groups sixth chapter	
11 June (Thursday)		
08:30 – 10:15	Working groups seventh chapter	
10:15 – 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	

10:45 – 12:30	Working groups eighth chapter	
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch at Bioversity</i>	
	Plenary Session	Rapporteur
13:30 – 14:00	Chapter 01	Danny Hunter
14:00 – 14:30	Chapter 02	Danny Hunter
14:30 – 15:00	Chapter 03	Clair Hershey
15:00 – 15:30	Chapter 04	Clair Hershey
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:00 – 16:30	Chapter 05	Patrick Mcguire
16:30 – 17:00	Chapter 06	Patrick Mcguire
17:00 – 17:30	Chapter 07	Isabel Lopez
17:30 – 18:00	Chapter 08	Isabel Lopez
	Closing Session	
18:00 – 18:30	Closing remarks	Shivaji Pandey and Emile Frison

ANNEX 2

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09-11 June 2009

Bioversity International – Maccarese – Italy

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