

SPECIAL INFORMATION SEMINAR

POLICIES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING FOR GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

FAO, Rome, 17 October 2009
Iran Room (B 116)

PROGRAMME

- 8:30 Registration
- 10:00 - 10:30 Opening and introduction
Bert Visser, *Chair of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, The Netherlands*

ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING: STATUS AND CHALLENGES

- 10:30 - 13:00
- Status of the negotiations of the International Regime on Access and Benefit Sharing. Fernando Casas/ Timothy Hodges, *Co-chairs of the CBD Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, Colombia/Canada*
 - Food security and access and benefit-sharing for food and agriculture. Gurdial Singh Nijar, *University of Malaya, Malaysia*
 - Recent developments in intellectual property law and policies. Carlos Correa, *University of Buenos Aires, Argentina*
 - The impact of climate change on genetic resources for food and agriculture. Emile Frison, *Bioversity International, Italy*

USE AND EXCHANGE OF GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

- 15:00 - 18:00 Panel Discussion:
- Plant genetic resources. Shakeel Bhatti, *International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, FAO*
 - Animal genetic resources. Irene Hoffmann, *Animal Production Service, FAO, Italy*
 - Aquatic genetic resources. Sena S. De Silva, *Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific, Thailand*
 - Forest genetic resources. Barbara Vinceti/ Jarkko Koskela, *Bioversity International, Italy*
 - Microbial genetic resources. Tom Dedeurwaerdere, *Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium*
 - Biological control-agents (invertebrates). Jacques Brodeur, *International Organisation for Biological and Integrated Control of Noxious Animals and Plants, Canada*